PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

AT THEIR

Annual Communication,

HELD IN SHAWNEETOWN,
OCTOBER, A. L. 5850, A. D. 1850.

M. W. W. C. HOBBS, Grand Master.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL OF THE LODGES.

Proceedings.

[redacted] Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, convened, pursuant to its By-Laws, in the town of Shawneetown, on the first Monday, the 7th day of October, A. L. 5850, A. D. 1850, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present

OFFICERS.

M. W. William C. Hobbs, Grand Master.
R. W. John T. Lindsay, Senior Warden.
J. W. Keys, Junior Warden.
William McMurtry, Treasurer.
W. B. Warren, Secretary.
and Rev. Braxton Parish, Chaplain.
A. G. Caldwell, Orator.
Warren A. Reed, Senior Deacon.
Thos. S. Roe, Junior Deacon.
Chas. Chatterton, Pursuivant.
W. W. Bennett, Marshal.
Downing Baugh, Sword Bearer.
A. R. Stout, Tyler.

[redacted] Officers: R. W., E. R. Roe, P. D. G. M.

[redacted] W. Bennett, No[redacted] W. B. Warren.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

No. 1—Warren A. Reed, S. W.
No. 3—E. R. Roe, proxy for W. M.
No. 4—J. W. Keys, W. M.

No. 9—James L. Anderson, W. M.
No. 14—A. R. Stout, S. W.
No 15—T. J. Pickett, W. M.
No. 17—W. S. Hale, proxy for W. M.
No. 24—C. G. Y. Taylor, proxy for W. M.
No. 26—Wm. McMurtry, proxy for W. M.
No. 27—T. Souther, proxy for W. M.
No. 31—Downing Baugh, W. M.
No. 43—W. C. Hobbs, proxy for W. M.
No. 50—Cyrus A. Davis, S. W.
No. 51—McKensie Turner, J. W.
No. 56—R. W. Scanland, W. M.
No. 64—S. R. Casey, W. M.
No. 68—Thos. Hollowbush, W. M.
No. 71—Chas. W. Chatterton, proxy for W. M.
No. 72—Thos. S. Roe, proxy for W. M., A. Block, proxy for J. W.
No. 76—W. McLaughlin, proxy for W. M.
No. 77—Jonathan Young, S. W.

VISITING BRETHREN.

No. 14—Adam Baker, John Kirkpatrick, Milton Bartlett, C. Gard.
No. 64—Wm. Maddocks, Daniel McCook, late of 122, Carrollton, Ohio; T. J. Melvin, 86 Social, Indiana.

There being a sufficient number of subordinate lodges represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Throne of Grace addressed by the R. W. and Rev. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. Pickett, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, the printed proceedings being in the hands of the brethren.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then read the following report, which on motion, was referred to a committee of Bros. Anderson, Pickett, E. R. Roe, Hibbard and Taylor:

MY BRETHREN.

I most cordially greet and congratulate you upon your assembling in this, the eleventh annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. These annual reunions bring with them delightful emotions and are fraught with the most beneficial and salutary results. It *is* delightful, after a long separation, to look again on faces endeared to us by every tie that the heart can acknowledge—to press fondly the hands of faithful and true-hearted brothers—to commingle soul with soul, and to bow again together in humble adoration around the Altar of Masonry—that sacred altar erected to Him who "sitteth in the east forever," and made holy in our affections by the most solemn and impressive memor-

ies. We have cause to congratulate each other—for though casualty, misfortunes and perplexities have thronged our way since our last regular meeting, and though death has laid low several of our eminent and beloved, yet still, within our jurisdiction at this time, the star of our noble Order rides high in the heavens—clear and undimmed, no storm in its atmosphere, no cloud on its orbit. Prosperity, peace and harmony encircle and abide in our lodges, and fellowship and brotherly love bind closely together the hearts of the Fraternity.

It is very cheering to contrast the present prospects of our Order in Illinois with its state and condition upon the first organization of this Grand Lodge, in Jacksonville, ten years ago. Six lodges, having in all but 99 members, constituted then the organization. We have now 96 working lodges, with an aggregate membership of several thousands. This great growth and prosperity should fill our hearts with gratitude, and should lead us to adore Him who giveth the victory.

I also congratulate you on the glad tidings of peace and brotherly union which reach us from abroad. The feuds and difficulties which have unfortunately convulsed some of our sister Grand Lodges, have been amicably and honorably settled, or are in rapid progress towards this desirable consummation. The only difficulty which exists is within the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York, emanating from that contumacious and refractory body of men, styling themselves a Grand Lodge, and headed by Phillips, Herring & Co. They still remain in open rebellion against legally constituted authority, and have as yet evinced but little if any repentance for their great misdeeds in Masonry. I will not, however, intrude upon your time by attempting to explain the nature of these difficulties, or the circumstances surrounding their arrangement. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence will, doubtless, as usual, fully and eloquently explain and elucidate the matters in dispute and the circumstances of their termination so far as they have been adjusted and closed.

You are, doubtless, my brethren, all apprised of the loss, by fire, of the archives and records of this Grand Lodge, early in the present Masonic year. This loss, as you are also apprised, induced me to call an extra meeting of this body, which convened in Springfield on the 2d Monday in April last. The object of this meeting, as set forth in my proclamation, was to restore as far as practicable the unprinted, and consequently lost proceedings of the last Annual Communication. The interests of the Grand Lodge and the pressing wants of the subordinates, seemed imperatively to demand that the minutes of the last October session should be restored, if possible, printed and immediately distributed.

The special session was well attended. The committees were talented, zealous and of untiring industry, and the greater part of the essential rec-

ords were faithfully restored. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Warren, made a contract with a publisher in Jacksonville, by which the proceedings of the special session would be printed and ready for distribution in a very few weeks; but from some unaccountable delay on the part of said publisher, they were not ready for distribution until near the 1st of September, just passed, and I have reason to believe that many of the subordinates have not yet received them. I most respectfully refer the adjustment of this most inconvenient delay on the part of the publisher to the consideration of your body.

The loss of the proceedings of the last regular session, together with the delay referred to before, has been severely felt by the subordinate lodges, and has subjected me throughout the entire year to unparalleled labor—labor almost beyond my power to perform. If, therefore, in the multitude of the calls on me for counsel or instruction, I shall have failed in a single instance to respond, I trust my brethren will appreciate my more than usual amount of duty, and generously forgive the neglect. I, however, am not now conscious of having failed in the performance of any duty, the least important, according to the best of my humble abilities.

I have incidentally learned, that some few of my brethren have gently censured me for calling the extra session of the Grand Lodge in April last—they thinking that the interests of the Order could have been as well secured without subjecting the lodges to the expense and trouble of meeting in Springfield. I can assure these brethren that not one of them felt more opposed at first than I did. I felt the great responsibility involved either in calling the session or avoiding it. No member could know as well as I the solicitude of the lodges for the proceedings of the last October session. Mail after mail, for months, brought me from five to fifteen letters at each arrival, asking information on points, which in the most of cases, would have been avoided, had the proceedings as usual, been printed and distributed.

I took advice upon the subject as far as practicable, from the present and past Grand Officers, and from many others devoted to, and experienced in, the interests of the fraternity. A large majority of these who did me the favor to advise me in the matter, warmly recommended the extra communication. The result of the meeting would have been eminently advantageous had we received from the publisher the restored proceedings according to contract. Our meeting had at least the good effect of making known the enactments and doings of the last October session, to so many lodges as were represented in the session of April last. I do not lament that the call was made.

Since I entered upon the duties of my office, I have granted dispensations for the following lodges:

1st. To Bros. Isham N. Haynie as Master, J. R. Ryman as Senior Warden, Joseph Wham as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open

a lodge in Salem, Marion County, by the name of "Marion Lodge." This lodge having long worked under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri, the dispensation was granted without requiring the usual dispensation fee, in accordance with a resolution of our Grand Lodge, adopted in 1842.

2d. To Bros. Harmon G. Reynolds as Master, Rodrick R. Stuart as Senior Warden, Benjamin Graham as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge in Genessee, Henry County, by the name of "Stewart Lodge."

3d. To Bros. Samuel M. Carter as Master, Charles L. Harbuck as Senior Warden, Joseph M. Hamilton as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge in Pinckneyville, Perry County, by the name of "Mitchell Lodge."

4th. To Bros. David P. Bunn as Master, J. R. Brancher as Senior Warden, R. Carlyle as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Mt. Pulaski, Logan County, by the name of "Pulaski Lodge."

5th. To Bros. William W. Drummond as Master, William Rose as Senior Warden, Oren Maxfield as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge in Toulon, Stark County, by the name of "Toulon Lodge."

6th. To Bros. George C. Lanphere as Master, Caleb Finch as Senior Warden, Isaac Delano as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Galesburg, Knox County, by the name of "Alpha Lodge."

7th. To Bros. John L. Miller as Master, William H. Delph as Senior Warden, Evan Trumel as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Metamora, Woodford County, by the name of "Metamora Lodge."

8th. To Bros. Alexander Sympson as Master, Eli H. Williams as Senior Warden, David E. Head as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Carthage, Hancock County, by the name of "Hancock Lodge."

9th. To Bros. B. F. Hall as Master, Burr Winton as Senior Warden, George S. Adsit as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Aurora, Kane County, by the name of "Jerusalem Temple Lodge."

10th. To Bros. Robert H. Marron as Master, Robert T. Hopper as Senior Warden, William Eubanks as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Marion, Williamson County, by the name of "Fellowship Lodge."

11th. To Bros. George Hawpee as Master, Cabriel Kay as Senior Warden, H. L. Cook as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a

lodge at Metropolis City, Massac County, by the name of "Metropolis Lodge."

12th. To Bros. William E. Russell as Master, Nathaniel Wilson as Senior Warden, Isaac Courtright as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Middleport, Iroquois County, by the name of "Iroquois Lodge."

13th. To Bros. Erastus Torrey as Master, Julius Smith as Senior Warden, Thomas J. Turner as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Freeport, Stephenson County, by the name of "Excelsior Lodge."

14th. To Bros. Benjamin F. Page as Master, Alexander B. Morean as Senior Warden, William P. Campbell as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Jerseyville, Jersey County, by the name of "Morning Sun Lodge."

15th. To Bros. Joshua C. Winters as Master, Henry Griswold as Senior Warden, John B. McIntosh as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Whitehall, Greene County, by the name of "Whitehall Lodge."

16th. To Bros. Evan Richards as Master, John Warner as Senior Warden, William S. Bates as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Clinton, Dewitt County, by the name of "Dewitt Lodge."

17th. To Bros. A. L. Phillips as Master, Jonathan Reid as Senior Warden, H. W. Miller as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Princeton, Bureau County, by the name of "Bureau Lodge."

18th. To Bros. George W. Staley as Master, Elza C. Coffey as Senior Warden, Thomas J. Curle as Junior Warden, and other brethren, to form and open a lodge at Kaskaskia, Randolph County, by the name of "Kaskaskia Lodge."

My brethren, I most cordially commend these new lodges to your fellowship and brotherly kindness. From reports, they promise great usefulness —and doubtless, under your fostering care, will become valuable and eminent members of our already distinguished organization.

Previous to entering upon my official duties, New Boston Lodge, No. 59, was suspended for irregularity in proceeding, at the last Annual Session of the Grand Lodge a committee was appointed to examine into the extent and character of the irregularity charged and make report to me. I received a very brief report from a part of the committee accompanied by a recommendation that the interdict should be removed. I also received a communication signed by the officers and members of said lodge, acknowledging in a most manly and creditable manner their errors, and promising fully and

completely to amend them. Whereupon, by written authority from me, as Grand Master, signed on the 22d day of February, 1850, the said suspension was removed and the said New Boston Lodge, No. 59, was reinstated and empowered to work.

By the action of this Grand Lodge had at its special session, in April last, Temple Lodge, No. 46, was also suspended, and a committee of three was appointed to examine into the difficulties existing in said lodge, and report to me. The said committee entered immediately upon its duty, and after full investigation, recommended that the suspension should be removed. I accordingly by warrant removed the interdict and authorized the said Temple Lodge, No. 46, to resume work.

I have, through the year just closing, given many special dispensations to confer degrees, and for other minor purposes. I do not conceive that it is my duty to make a particular report in such cases; to do so, would make my report unnecessarily voluminous, and would be an imposition upon your patience, by subjecting you to tiresome recital of uninteresting and unimportant matter.

I would recommend that all the laws, rules and edicts of this Grand Lodge, which may be in force at the close of this session be printed collectively, as an appendix to the minutes of this annual communication. This, in my opinion, will be exceedingly useful, and will meet the approbation and thanks of the subordinates. The majority of the lodges under this jurisdiction not having a full set of the printed proceedings, are frequently subjected to great inconveniences by not understanding the requirements of this body. And even those who are in possession of a full copy, sometimes in an emergency have not the time to run through the whole, since 1845, to gain the information wanted—consequently a frequent infraction of law may be apprehended.

I most respectfully invite your attention to the subject of Masonic dimits. It is the prevalent usage of lodges, to grant a dimit to any brother desiring one, who is clear from charges and clear of the books, even though the brother dimitting has no intention to remove from the jurisdiction of the lodge, or to become attached thereby to another lodge. This usage is eminently wrong, in my opinion, and detrimental to the prosperity and good of the fraternity.

This practice greatly encourages and augments the number of non-affiliated Masons—a race of Masons perfectly inexplicable to me, and who occupy a most unnatural and unprofitable position in the Order. From its being known as it frequently is, that these non-affiliated brethren were formerly *attached* members, their present position conveys to the uninitiated world the erroneous idea, that they discovered in the institution principles repulsive to their feelings, and usages and customs incompatible with their opin-

ions of right and propriety. And yet this cannot be the case—Masonry "to be known is to be admired," and can never be otherwise than popular and pleasing to the enlightened and the good.

I hold the opinion that no honest and good Mason, at heart, will desire to live non-affiliated, unless impelled so to do by some extraordinary and imperative cause beyond his control—a cause, which in the course of human events does not often exist. Many dimits are asked for and obtained, during moments of temporary excitement—most frequently produced by imaginary wrongs, and which if allowed to subside by the wear of a little time, would be forgotten and forgiven. When dimits are thus impulsively obtained, a false pride too frequently prevents a re-affiliation. There are men, no doubt, who join our order, with the positive hope and expectation of finding the "PHILOSOPHER'S STONE." They expect to become invested with supernatural knowledge, or with necromantic power. Nothing short of becoming wizards, or of being continually excited by a complicated machinery or mummery, equal to the false, but bewitchingly mystical worship of olden times, when Oracles and Gods were almost as numerous as the stars of our present firmament, could satisfy the rapacious marvelousness of such beings and upon not being thus gratified, they dimit.

Benevolence should indicate the duty of keeping such men within the protection of our embrace. They unquestionably need some guardian to guide and direct their steps, and to restrain their desires within due and reasonable bounds.

Some no doubt, request and obtain dimits, impelled by motives of parsimony and penuriousness alone, to avoid the payment of the small dues exacted by the lodges. It is natural that such should withdraw. No SOULLESS man *can* be a Mason.

Others dimit, from feeling of absolute inertia, and nothing else—they are too lazy to do their duty.

Scarcely a lodge within this jurisdiction, can be found which has not within its immediate vicinage a number of these backsliders, and unfruitful half brothers. A band who hang upon the skirts of the army, deriving in times of danger its positive protection—and this too, without adding an atom to its strength, or a beam to its glory. I most earnestly commend the careful consideration of this subject to your wisdom and decision. Some plan should unquestionably be adopted to stay this evil and if possible to remedy the inconvenience and wrong inflicted upon the order. Difficulties will present themselves in the accomplishment of this task, but I think they will be only such as may be easily overcome or properly provided for. In your deliberations upon this subject, your justice will doubtless suggest the propriety of making provision for superannuated and diseased Masons, and such as live too remote from lodges to enable them to attend.

In consequence of the contradictory opinions entertained by the members of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, as to the meaning and import of a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its annual communication for 1847—to wit: "*Resolved*, That the resolution in Grand Lodge proceedings of 1845, (page 173 of printed minutes,) be rescinded, and that subordinate lodges be required to ballot for candidates in every degree."

I consider it my duty to lay the said resolution before you at this session, either to be rescinded or explained by another resolution, so that the true meaning and intention of it may be definitely understood. The resolution referred to, is certainly ambiguous. I have been called upon many times within the past year, to give my opinion on its import. The question has invariably been, "whether the ballot for the 2d and 3rd degrees was intended to decide upon the Masonic proficiency, or upon the *moral* eligibility of the candidate." From the circumstances surrounding the resolution of '47, my opinion has been, and is, that the intention of the mover of the resolution, and most probably the opinion of the Grand Lodge then was, that the object of the call in each of the degrees was to decide upon the moral eligibility of the candidate for advancement. Though this appeared to me to be the meaning of said resolution, and though I instructed the lodges that such appeared to be the law, and consequently must be obeyed, yet, I think this construction of usage dangerously erroneous and eminently un-Masonic. I am clearly of the opinion that one ballot entitles the candidate to the three degrees. I will take the liberty of presenting in a very brief manner a few of the reasons, which I think, sustain my opinion.

When a man petitions a lodge in the first instance, he states "that having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient institution, he is desirous, if found worthy, of being admitted a *member thereof*." He does not specifically petition to become an entered apprentice alone, but to become a *member* of the fraternity. He knows little or nothing about the different degrees; his object is to become entitled to the *rights, lights and privileges*, of the order. His petition is referred to a committee, whose duty it is to carefully inquire into the moral, physical and intellectual capabilities of the applicant—to decide upon his eligibility to receive, not only the entered apprentice's degree, but all the degrees within the jurisdiction of the lodge he petitions.

Should the report of the committee be favorable and the ballot clear in the first instance, the privileges of the three degrees are guaranteed to him, should his *future* conduct and improvement warrant his advancement.

When an applicant is received, it is tacitly understood by every member, that full and rigid examination has, or should have been made, respecting his moral character and his other necessary qualifications to become a Mason, otherwise the appointment of a committee of investigation is silly and

unnecessary. According to the laws and usages of Masonry throughout its extent, an interdict is placed upon the reception of a candidate by ballot, in a less time than one lunar month after his petition is referred; this is to give time for full investigation. No such interdict prevails respecting the time for conferring the 2d and 3d degrees, nor is it necessary. You will remember that the only question touching eligibility, which is legally propounded upon the admission of a candidate into either of the degrees after the first is, "Has he made suitable proficiency to warrant his request for advancement." For it will also be remembered that after having received the first degree he is no longer a petitioner for Masonry, but only for Masonic advancement—he is already introduced within the veil of Masonic mystery—he *no* longer belongs to the ranks of uninitiated. After receiving the first degree, he is no longer responsible to Masonic discipline for any offence, committed previous to his initiation, unless it be for an offence committed in the preliminary parts of the ceremony. At the time he *stands as a just and upright Mason*, he receives absolution for all antecedent offences—full, clear and irrevocable absolution so far as Masonry has right, power or control over him. Such being the case he *then begins* to learn and receive those first instructions whereon to build his *future* moral and Masonic edifice.

Should an entered apprentice or fellow-craft be guilty of un-Masonic conduct, after his *initiation*, no one will deny the right of dealing with him agreeably to the laws and usages of the order. He is liable to reproof, suspension, or even expulsion, as the wisdom and justice of his *peers* may determine. But if no charge for offence committed since he entered upon the ground floor can be sustained against him, the only question which can properly arise upon his application for advancement, is upon his suitable proficiency or Masonic knowledge in the previous degrees. As this application is not made by a new, written petition, which by any law, must be referred to a committee of investigation, the lodge may decide upon his proficiency as it may determine or as the by-laws of the individual lodge may set forth.

I am well apprised that isolated cases may, and do occur, which render this view of the subject unpleasant and hard to be borne—but nevertheless to check in his progress, or to debar a newly made brother from his regular advancement, for antecedent obliquity, cannot result in the honor or profit of the fraternity, but in a vast majority of cases must redound to its injury and discredit. We thereby cast out again into the world, a bitter and enduring enemy to the order—and to all similar institutions intended for the benefit of men in this world. We cast him from us, and thereby excite his evil and malignant spirit, if he has such. We crush, probably, his first impulse towards reformation, and extinguish, probably, the last spark of moral pride remaining in his nature. Whereas, should we cluster around the guilty unfortunate, by brotherly love, pure example and Masonic teaching, show him the glorious beauties of our precepts and our practice, as contrasted

with the cold and selfish customs of the outer world, we may lead him from the path of ruin into the ways of truth and virtue.

Masonry professes to be a moral and benevolent institution—having for its great objects the relief of the indigent and distressed, and the elevating and ennobling of the minds of its votaries. It professes to teach men to act upon the square, to circumscribe their desires, and to keep their passions within due bounds. *It professes the power of reformation*—to be able by its teachings and usages, to enlighten, decorate and polish the uncultivated and benighted. Such being the case, is it not the paramount duty of every Mason to be zealous in reclaiming the apostate from the dominion of evil and establish him within the halo of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice?

I would not be understood by any of my remarks on the subject last referred to, to give countenance to the passing or raising a brother, until his proficiency *fully* authorizes his advancement. I greatly lament that so little attention is manifested in the lodges, to the instruction and examination of candidates for advancement. It is impossible to realize and feel the beauty and excellency of the succeeding without being thoroughly enlightened upon the preceding degree or degrees. The want of a proper education in the former degrees makes the *light* of the succeeding dim and shadowy and robs it of its glory and of its sublime effect—all is tame and profitless—consequently, enduring and vital evils result by such inattention and precipitancy, not only to the newly made Mason, but also, to the institution of Masonry at large.

I ask leave to present in a very brief manner, another subject for your legislation.

A practice or law prevails in this jurisdiction, as well as in many of our sister Grand Lodges, that a rejected candidate is debarred from re-petitioning until after the expiration of twelve months. This usage frequently acts oppressively, and is in principle contrary to that justice which should characterize every action of Masonry. The interdict should cease, so soon as the disability or disqualification of the rejected applicant shall have been removed. I, myself, once voted against the admission of a candidate, under an utterly wrong conception of circumstances, which I thought, at the time, I fully and clearly understood. In less than a week I became thoroughly convinced of my mistake, and deeply lamented the injustice I had unwittingly been the cause of. Yet the law, as understood, allowed of no redress.

I know that it will be difficult to change this usage, without appearing to infringe upon the inalienable and inestimable right of an unquestioned ballot, and I am well apprised that it will require more than ordinary care, to frame any law which will mitigate the hardness of the present law, as understood, without furnishing opportunity for dangerous abuse. Yet, I

think, the dispassionate wisdom of this Grand Lodge is fully adequate to the task; and I think as confidently, that my brethren of this body will shrink from no duty which is calculated, in the least, to display mercy and justice.

I would therefore, most respectfully suggest, that a rule or law be adopted authorizing a lodge to receive a petition from a rejected candidate, at any time, when it shall be made manifest to said lodge that the supposed disqualification did not in reality exist, or had ceased to exist; and when the member or members who had black-balled the candidate had become fully satisfied and willing to admit him.

This law should also positively provide that no action whatever should be taken in the case until due and timely notice had been given to each and every member of the lodge, if possible, and particularly to each member who was present at the time of the previous rejection, setting forth in a distinct and unmistakable manner, the business to be considered, and the time and place of meeting. It would be well, also, that the motion to receive the new petition should be made, if possible by one who had previously opposed the reception of the applicant.

If I remember aright, a vote upon the adoption of the new constitution for this Grand Lodge should be expected at this session. It was ordered at the last regular communication that the said new constitution should be again presented to the subordinate lodges, for their approval or dissent, and each subordinate was required to lay before this session a certificate of its vote. I very much fear that this requirement has been lost sight of, in the derangements of the Grand Secretary's office, growing out of the death of Bro. Mitchell, late Grand Secretary, and the more recent loss of the records of this body. I submit this matter for such further action as you may consider necessary.

Upon the recommendation of several of the lodges in the southern part of this jurisdiction, I appointed Bro. Michael McLaughlin, a member of Mt. Nebo Lodge, No. 76, to lecture the lodges within our bounds south of Alton. This appointment was suggested by the appropriation of $75 made at the last regular session, to be expended in paying a lecturer for said lodges south of the said city of Alton. I have learned with great satisfaction that Bro. McLaughlin has industriously and zealously accomplished the task entrusted to his care; and he has done this, too, with honor to himself and with great profit to the lodges with which he labored.

It is exceedingly important that some plan should be adopted by your body to produce a uniformity in the work of lodges under this jurisdiction. Should the new constitution be adopted, it is hoped by many that the feature in it providing for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters will insure this desired result.

Should we still, as I think we shall, remain under the old code, some arrangement should be made by which this most important object shall be accomplished.

I am greatly in favor of these instructions being imparted by a competent and enlightened Grand Lecturer, or more than one, if thought necessary.

The services of proper and well qualified men for this office cannot be obtained, so long as a sufficient and suitable payment for their services remains so insecure, undetermined and questionable. This only can be accomplished by the Grand Lodge paying to such officer or officers an adequate amount for labors performed.

The receipts of this body are amply sufficient to authorize such an expenditure. Many of the subordinates, and such too, as most need instruction, are too weak in members and in wealth to enable them to pay a sufficient remuneration to their instructors; and I know of no way in which a part of the treasure of this body could be more profitably and charitably invested than in thus furnishing light to its subordinates.

I earnestly hope that this suggestion will engage your consideration.

My Right Worshipful Brother, our Grand Junior Warden, did me the honor, to propose to me a plan which he thought would greatly conduce to the spreading of instruction and to the uniformity of the work.

He suggested that at each session of the Grand Lodge, a "College" or committee of instruction should be appointed, simultaneously with the standing committees, who shall hold a session during established hours in each day of the grand communication, for the purpose of rehearsing and teaching the work and lectures of the three degrees, over which your body have jurisdiction; and that arrangements shall be made to prevent the sittings of the Grand Lodge from interfering with the hours established for the meetings of such "college" or committee. I most respectfully commend this suggestion to your consideration. The plan appears plausible, and will be, in my opinion, a valuable auxiliary, if nothing more, to the labors of the Grand Lecturer, who should be, ex officio, a member of this committee.

Upon a petition from Vitruvius Lodge U. D., I authorized said lodge to change the place of its meetings from Dutchman's Point, Cook County, to the village of Wheeling, in said County of Cook. The reasons shown in said petition were ample and cogent.

My brethren—this session of the Grand Lodge, will, in all probability, be one of more than ordinary importance. Matters of a complicated character will be presented for your decision, and which will involve much labor and great responsibility. The calm and dispassionate circumspection and wonted wisdom, which have heretofore characterized the legislation of this body,

together with the number of distinguished members which grace this meeting, authorize me to believe and hope that our annual communication for 1850, will in all respects, equal if not surpass, either of the ten which have preceded it.

In a very few days my official term will expire. Throughout my administration I have made the interests of Freemasonry my paramount consideration. I have exerted, to their fullest extent, my humble and unpractised abilities to maintain in their original purity the landmarks, laws and usages of the order.

In conclusion, I beg you my brethren, to accept assurances of my profound and grateful thanks for the manifold courtesies you have so gracefully and kindly shown me throughout the past Masonic year. They have cheered and sustained me through all the difficulties and labors of my office, and they remain embalmed in my heart.

The following committees were then announced, viz.:

Committee on Credentials—Bros. Grand Secretary, Bennett and Anderson.

Committee on Examining Visiting Brethren—Bros. McLaughlin, Souther and Bennett.

Committee on Chartered Lodges—Bros. Anderson, Hollowbush and Keys.

Committee on Lodges U. D.—Bros. Hibbard, Hale and Davis.

Committee on Petitions and Grievances—Bros. E. R. Roe, Taylor and McMurtry.

Committee on Finance and Accounts—Bros. Bennett, Scanland and Reed.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report, which on motion of Bro. Hibbard, was received, concurred in, and ordered to be printed in the proceedings:

In advance the committee would say, that not having had access to the printed proceedings from sister Grand Lodges until within the past three or four days, they regret that their report does not present that interest which usually appertains to such papers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would beg le[ave]

Since the last annual session of this Grand Lodge the [illegible] ceedings have been received from the following bodies:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and California.

We proceed to notice these in the order named:

MAINE.

We have good tidings from our sister of the far east. The pure light of our Order shines with an unfading lustre. The annual session of the Grand Lodge was held in Portland on the 3d of May, 1850. Thirty-seven lodges were represented in the Grand Lodge. Whole number of members, 1,319; number of initiations during the year, 279; number of deaths for the same period, 30. The four first officers were authorized to appoint a delegate to represent the State in a convention for the formation of a General Grand Lodge. It was also determined to publish, in a single volume, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge since its formation, the subordinate lodges to designate the number of copies that each one will require. We hope to see this imitated by the Grand Lodge of our own State. But two copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its formation to the present time are to be found, and is it not the part of wisdom to procure the printing of more, that each lodge within the jurisdiction can for a few dollars be furnished with several copies of the entire transactions of this Grand Body? An interesting and able address was delivered by the Grand Master, in which a variety of questions interesting to the Craft are discussed. On the subject of debarring maimed men from the rights and benefits of Masonry, he says:

"For one, I do most devoutly revere the ancient landmarks of the Order, yet do I as truly believe in the wisdom of the decision of our illustrious predecessors who have virtually abrogated from the ancient regulations the provision that the candidate must be true to the church, and be born of honest and lawful parents. Would one of these zealous brethren, who contend so stoutly for 'ancient regulations,' reject the application of an honest, accomplished fellow-citizen because his parents indiscreetly brought him into existence before they had plighted their faith at the hymenial altar? I trust the response may be No! And if so, then away with the technical objection which would exclude the warmest heart and brightest intellect, merely because they belong to one in the human form who by some dispensation of Divine Providence has lost a hand or a foot. I would by no means be understood to advocate what some call Progressive Masonry; on the contrary I contend for that ancient Masonry which teaches us to shun the errors of 'bigotry and superstition,' and make a due use of reason, 'according to that liberty wherewith a Mason is made free,' and by which we are also taught to 'regard the whole human species as one family—the high and low, the rich

and poor—who as created by one Almighty parent, are to aid, support and protect each other.' If 'to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and restore peace to their troubled minds, is the grand aim we have in view,' how, I ask, can we consistently reject from our communion one whose only demerit is the loss of a limb, not absolutely necessary to his instruction in Masonry, yet rendering him still more an object claiming our kindly sympathies?"

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The regular communication of this Grand Lodge was held in June, 1850. Fifteen of the twenty-five subordinates were represented. At a special communication in September, the Grand Lodge resolved, "That the first cardinal virtue, Temperance, be particularly attended to by this and its subordinate lodges." The Craft appear to be working harmoniously in the Granite State.

VERMONT.

The last annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Burlington, commencing on the 9th January, 1850. Of the seventeen working lodges within the jurisdiction, fourteen were represented in the Grand Body. The signs of the times betoken the dawning of a better day for our brethren of this State. The storm of bigotry and fanaticism that howled so fiercely around them for nearly a score of years has passed away, and the true and faithful Craftsmen of the Green Mountain State are now reaping the reward of their adherence to the tenets of the Order. This Grand Lodge favors the formation of a General Grand Lodge. An able and eloquent address was delivered by the Grand Master, P. C. Tucker. On the subject of individual applications to the Grand Lodge for charity, he remarks:

"The Grand Lodge has not, and never had, the means for charity, and never seems to have contemplated that it should possess any other than a purely legislative character, to act for the general supervision, regulation and interest of the lodges under its jurisdiction. Formerly it was well understood that individual charity was the appropriate, peculiar and exclusive business and duty of the subordinate lodges. That rule seems to have been partially forgotten, and I think it quite time it should be revived. The officers and members of the Grand Lodge should not be taxed constantly, in their private capacities, for the performance of duties the responsibilities of which legitimately and properly belong elsewhere. I advise that no future petitions of this character be entertained by the Grand Lodge."

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of New Haven, commencing on the 8th May, 1850. Representatives from thirty-

three lodges participated in transactions of the Grand Lodge. Number of initiations during the year, 276. In the opening address of the Grand Master he congratulates the members of the Grand Lodge on the unparalleled prosperity of the Order within the jurisdiction.

MASSACHUSETTS.

From this State we have the proceedings of three quarterly and the annual meetings. The following paragraph from the Grand Master's address is well-timed:

"If I rightly interpret the signs of the times, there are already influences in operation, which if not seasonably checked, will lead to consequences we may all have reason to deplore. Combinations and parties should have no place in Freemasonry. Party feeling is the bane of the Institution. Controversy and contention it cannot abide. Its empire is the heart; and whatever tends to alienate the affections, aims a blow at its very existence. There never was, and there never can be, rightfully, but one party in Freemasonry, and that a truly Masonic party; a party devoted to the interest and welfare of the Institution—self-sacrificing, disinterested, and regarding the prosperity of the Craft paramount to all personal considerations. All other parties are inconsistent with the spirit and genius of the Order, and should be discountenanced by every friend of the Institution. And I pray you, brethren, that you watch with the tenacity of life, and guard against the insidious approach of combinations, parties, and party animosities, whether they originate in hostility to the Craft, excessive zeal, or any other good cause; but experience proves that there is a false zeal, an unhallowed fire, kindled and fed with the fierceness of evil passions, and which burns but to destroy. This false zeal is but the manifestation of party spirit, and is attended with all its evil consequences, or it originates in the love of distinction and power. Its unhappy results may be seen in the pride, vanity and arrogance it engenders; in the acrimony and bitterness it breathes into the temper; in the uncharitable judgments, unqualified censure, and bitter invective it bestows, without stint or measure, upon all who dissent from its views or oppose its designs."

RHODE ISLAND.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at Woonsocket, commencing on the 25th June, 1850; twelve lodges were represented. The business transacted was mostly of a local character.

NEW YORK.

Our information from this State is derived from unofficial sources. The unhappy difficulty that has long existed with the so-called St. John Grand

Lodge has been settled, the members thereof acknowledging allegiance to the only legally constituted Grand Lodge of the State. In reference to the disgraceful proceeding of which mention was made last year, no adjustment has been affected. Overtures have been made to both parties, and we think by thus parlying with those who have been declared expelled from the Fraternity, the Grand Lodge is acting in an unbecoming and undignified manner. When those who have shown themselves unworthy shall have acknowledged their errors and returned to their duty, then and not till then should terms be made with them. The following is the result of a conference between a committee from the M. W. Grand Lodge and a committee of the followers of Phillips, Herring & Co., held in the city of New York, on the 7th June last:

"At the Annual Meeting of the W. Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, June 5, A. L. 5850, the following preamble and resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS, An unhappy difference exists amongst the Masonic Fraternity of the State of New York, two bodies claiming to be the Grand Lodge thereof;

And WHEREAS, it would redound to the honor of both to unite, or amicably agree to separate, and divide the Masonic jurisdiction on honorable and equitable terms, becoming the members of the Institution, all of whom are bound by the strongest ties that can bind man to man.

"Therefore, in a spirit of harmony and good faith, and with a desire of promoting the peace and prosperity of the Institution in this State, it is

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed by this Grand Lodge to confer with a committee of the same number from the other body, to deliberate thereon, and to report the result of their deliberations to their respective constituents."

The M. W. Grand Master, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following committee:

R. W. P. D. G. M. Mordecai Myers.
W. Edward Cook.
W. Jon. Jarvis.
W. W. H. Norris.
W. Charles W. Carpenter.

This communication, your committee ascertained, was laid before that body by M. W. John D. Willard, but was not acted on till June 7, at 2 P. M., when the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to receive any proposition or suggestions that may be presented to them by any members of this Grand Body or others, with a view to the restoring of entire harmony

of feeling to the whole Fraternity of the State, and that the committee use their discretion as to laying the same before the Grand Lodge."

The following were appointed the committee:

R. W. Salem Town.
W. J. M. Hatch.
W. John S. Perry.
W. John L. Lewis, Jr.
W. Thomas Dugan.

The two committees met at 5 P. M. on the same day (June 7), all the members being present.

R. W. S. Town in the Chair.
W. J. M. Hatch acted as Secretary.

R. W. Brother Myers addressed the committees at some length in the most fraternal manner. He was replied to in the same spirit by W. Brother Hatch, who asked for some propositions. W Brother Cook answered Bro. Hatch, and stated that he did not wish to stand on unnecessary punctilio, and that in a spirit of frankness, and without insisting on a proposition from the other committee, he would propose the following as a basis for settling the unhappy difficulties which exist in the Masonic fraternity of this State:

"That a geographical line be agreed upon, and the State be divided into two Masonic jurisdictions—one to be the Northern Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the other the Southern Grand Lodge of the State of New York—that the lodges within either jurisdiction be allowed to elect to which body they would adhere—that lodges located out of the jurisdiction to which they elect to adhere, may at any future time change their adherence to the jurisdiction in which they are located, but no lodge shall be allowed hereafter to change its adherence from the Masonic jurisdiction in which it is located—that no warrant or dispensation shall be granted by either Grand Lodge to constitute any new lodge out of its jurisdiction—that a general act of amnesty and reconciliation be passed by both bodies, and all suspensions and expulsions which have taken place in consequence of the existing difficulties be rescinded, and that the funds of the Grand Lodge be equitably divided between both bodies."

Brother Hatch remarked that such a proposition would have been accepted by the country lodges a year ago, but they would not accept it now. It was also opposed by the other members of his committee. Brother Hatch then submitted the following proposition: "That an amendment of the constitution should be passed to the following effect—"On a call of a vote by lodges in the Grand Lodge the Past Masters of each lodge collectively shall have one vote." This proposition was objected to by Brother Myers on principle, that he could not support it without a modification so as to em-

brace all; and, also, on the inconvenient and cumbrous manner of voting it would introduce into the Grand Lodge, as well as the effect he feared it would have of creating dissension between P. M.'s of the same lodge. Bro. Cook also objected and stated as the unanimous opinion of the committee, that no proposition could be entertained by the body they represented in which the rights of Past Masters as members of the Grand Lodge were in any way compromised, nor would they sanction any change of the constitution on the subject of Past Masters, denying them equal rights as an integrant part of the Grand Lodge. Brother Lewis spoke, and while opposing the proposition of Brother Cook, he was willing to go as far as Bro. Hatch's proposition. Brother Perry opposed the division of the State jurisdiction, and defended Brother Hatch's suggestion. Brother Dugan also spoke to the same effect.

Brother Myers then made the following proposition: "That the two bodies claiming to be Grand Lodges continue to act as independent Grand Lodges for one year—that all suits be suspended for the same period—that the Grand Lodge of which Brother Milnor is G. M., rescind the amendment of the constitution claimed to be passed by them respecting Past Masters, depriving them of their right to vote in the Grand Lodge—that all expulsions and suspensions which have taken place in consequence of existing difficulties, be rescinded, and that all the lodges in the State be requested to convene by their representatives at New York on the first Tuesday in June, 1851, to elect Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York."

This proposition was rejected by the committee of the other body, mainly because of the condition imposed, that "the amendment of the constitution passed by them respecting Past Masters should be rescinded," which they unanimously declared had been passed by them on *principle*. Bro. Hatch spoke at length on the subject, and declared that while their committee would do much to harmonize the Fraternity, yet if we asked them to abandon principle, they would reply, *never! never! never!*

As there appeared to be no probability of the two committees agreeing on any of the several propositions, they were about separating, when Bro. Lewis submitted the following proposition: "That the amendment of the constitution, cutting off the Past Masters, should be rescinded, on condition that the Grand Lodge should be removed to Utica."

Brother Cook inquired whether the city lodges would be expected to send representatives there? to which Brother Lewis replied that they would, and would receive the same mileage, &c., as the country lodges now do on coming to New York. Brother Norris inquired if the Secretary and Treasurer would reside in New York or Utica? Brother Lewis replied, of course at Utica. Brother Carpenter inquired if the funds would be removed there; because, if so, the brothers in distress, who were far more numerous at New

York than elsewhere, could not be relieved. Brother Lewis replied, that the funds would of course be removed there, but that in his opinion the amount of them in five years would be more largely increased than they had ever been.

This proposition not meeting with favor by your committee, it was modified by Brother Hatch, to the effect "That the city of New York should be constituted a 'District Grand Lodge,' acknowledging the supremacy and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York." The modification was not satisfactory to your committee, when another, and the last, proposition was submitted by Brother Hatch, and is in the following terms: "The whole difficulties existing in the Masonic fraternity of this State shall be referred to three impartial Grand Lodges, and their decision shall be binding and final on both Grand Bodies." After inquiry as to how the three Grand Lodges were to act as arbitrators? and the reply, that they would act as they might decide, and probably by committees to sit in New York and hear evidence, *your committee unanimously accepted the proposition.* On this declaration being made by us to them, to our surprise and deep regret, the other members of the committee associated with Brother Hatch declared their dissent from the proposition. Your committee expressed their sorrow that Brother Hatch's associates could not agree with him, as we thought if there was a sincere desire to settle the existing difficulties, and no plan proposed by either committee met the view of both, there was no other way of restoring harmony to the Masonic fraternity of this State than by submitting the whole question to the friendly arbitrament of three impartial Grand Lodges.

No other propositions coming from either committee, they separated without a formal adjournment."

This document from which we have quoted emanated from the Phillips party. After reviewing the course pursued by the two parties in this controversy, your committee reiterate the opinion expressed by this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, that the Grand Lodge over which Most W. G. M. John D. Willard presides is the only legally constituted Grand Lodge in the State of New York.

NEW JERSEY.

Masonry is prospering within this jurisdiction. Several lodges under dispensation have signified to the Grand Master their intention of applying for warrants. New Jersey favors the formation of a General Grand Lodge. The address of the Grand Master says: "It is a source of heartfelt satisfaction that a greater number of members, 'good men and true,' have been admitted into our lodges during the last year than in any former year; while but few difficulties have occurred to disturb the peace and harmony of the Craft."

MARYLAND.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Baltimore, on the 9th November, 1849. Nineteen lodges represented. The Grand Charity Fund, for the relief of indigent widows and orphans of Masons in Maryland, amounts to $4,704. Maryland still favors the formation of a General Grand Lodge.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

An annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in Washington in November last. "All is well" within the jurisdiction, and we are happy to observe that our Institution is going on "prospering and to prosper." Eight lodges were represented in the Grand Lodge.

VIRGINIA.

Masonry is flourishing in the Old Dominion. The last meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at Richmond, on the 10th of December, 1849. Sixty-one lodges represented. During the year 13 charters were granted for new lodges. Complaint is made of the establishment of a French Lodge within the State, claiming authority from the Grand Orient of France, and a protest has been entered against this invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. There are 71 working lodges within the State, with a membership of 2,241.

NORTH CAROLINA.

At the stated communication of this Grand Lodge, held at Raleigh, on the 3rd of December, 1849, twenty-nine lodges were represented. Eight dispensations were granted during the year. Whole number of lodges in the State 58, which report 258 initiations, and eighteen deaths during the year. We are pleased to observe that the fraternity of the State are alive to the subject of education. On the subject of a Seminary, Grand Master Collins remarks:

"There are about twenty-five hundred active Masons under our jurisdiction; and there are about two children for every twenty-five Masons, who have not the means of acquiring an education; making in all, about two hundred, who are rapidly approaching the terrible destiny of a dark and ignorant manhood. If this is a correct statement, (and I believe it to be nearly so,) for the past ten years, during which the subject of this seminary has been agitated before this Grand Lodge, two hundred children, who have claims upon this fraternity, have passed the bounds of instruction, and gone forth to battle with the storms and tempests of life—have launched their barks upon that dark, savage ocean, upon which no sun ever rises, no star ever shines—whose terrible billows move onward and forever onward, in

darkness, reaching no harbor of sunshine, no haven of peace, until they break upon the shores of eternity. This is a terrible state of things—a state which I trust will no longer exist."

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The volume from the Palmetto State, gives the proceedings of sundry communications extending from January 18th to the 27th December, 1849. The transactions were of a local character. We extract the following from an address of the Grand Secretary:

"Since the last annual communication I have had an opportunity of visiting several Masonic jurisdictions, examining with great care their mode of work, and comparing it with our own; and I confess that I feel some pride in being able to say, that whatever may be our errors in other respects, I found nowhere that uniformity in opening and closing, and in entering, passing and raising, that exists in South Carolina."

FLORIDA.

The proceedings of this State are embraced in a neatly printed pamphlet of 85 pages. The annual communication was held in Tallahasse, commencing on the 14th January, 1850. M. W. Thomas Brown, Grand Master and Governor of the State, delivered a beautifully written message, from which we extract the concluding paragraph, and to this brief sentence we call the attention of the several lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge: "When such a man, living in open shamelessness and abandonment of vice, without exhibiting in his life one guiding principle of Masonry, still continues to retain his membership in a lodge in this jurisdiction, or claims to be a Mason in its vicinity, the Grand Lodge will hold such lodge guilty of all the evil and disgrace which Masonry in such case must necessarily receive."

GEORGIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge are full of interest. One hundred and eleven lodges are now at work, and at the last session of the Grand Lodge charters were granted for five new lodges—giving a total of 116 in the State. Every lodge made its return for the last year, and only one is in arrears for dues, and but one failed to be represented. In 1839 only 11 lodges sent representatives to the Grand Lodge. The number of members attached to there lodges were 430; now there are about 5,000 attached to the lodges of the State. Truly the brethren in Georgia are extending their bounds and strengthening their stakes. During the year 1,402 were initiated, 26 died, 73 were rejected, 11 suspended and 12 expelled. From the annual address of the Grand Master we make the following extract:

"Upon the subject of education, I feel assured there is but little if any

difference of opinion among us. Although the Grand Lodge of Georgia has no Masonic college, yet the members of the lodges throughout the State as Masons, men and citizens, are generally faithful to the cause of education; and if I could combine their individual efforts in that cause and present it at one view, it would reflect great credit on the principles of our institution. Our principles indeed demand of us the improvement of the mind. Masonry is a system of morality, having for its foundation a belief in God and the immortality of the soul of man. The teachings and precepts of the Bible are enjoined and inculcated by Masonry. Infidelity and Masonry are incompatible. 'Universal benevolence and relief,' are among its well known precepts. To assist those upon whom the hand of poverty rests heavily—to watch over the widow and the orphan—to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, are practical moral duties peculiar to every Mason. But these are bodily and physical wants—there are higher wants which man feels, and which make life at least little else than a burthen. The *mind* and the *heart* have their times of destitution, alike with the body, and no less need the relieving hand of mental charity and sympathy. To these spiritual necessities, Masons are no less commanded to minister than to the gross deprivation of the body. To shed the light of knowledge on the mind which wanders, unprovided, in the darkness of ignorance and superstition, and to encourage advancements in the arts and sciences, and in the acquisition of truth, is a part of the mission of Masonry. To warm up the heart which has been chilled by adversity or misfortune, with gentle rays of sympathy—to console the broken-hearted—to pour oil of gladness on the wounded and bruised spirit, are among her sacred behests, inculcated into the breast of every one who is embued with the genuine spirit of Freemasonry."

KENTUCKY.

The proceedings of the last session of the Grand Lodge of our sister State are characterized by harmony and brotherly love. Number of initiations for the year 857, deaths 87, rejections 77 Your committee observe with regret that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky adheres to the custom of publishing descriptions of the personal appearance of rejected applicants for membership. We give an instance or two:

"W—J—, aged about 55 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; thick set; occupation, a farmer and minister in the Methodist Church; residence, Caldwell County; rejected July 14, 1849."

"T— R—, June 9, 1849; residence, New Concord; a blacksmith by occupation; aged 36 years; 6 feet two or three inches high; square built; well set; rather dark complected; black hair; sparkling blue eyes, a little inclined to bloodshot."

To publish the *name* of an individual rejected would seem to be all that was necessary, but to have a minute description of personal appearance pub-

lished to the world the same as we would a horse thief or murderer, we submit is not Masonry. And without wishing to dictate, we would respectfully suggest that the practice be abolished. It is *possible* that of the 80 names published in this manner in the proceedings of Kentucky, some few *may* be good men. Is it not then committing a wrong against these individuals? The report of the trustees represents the Masonic Seminary as in a flourishing condition.

ALABAMA.

The annual meeting was held on the 3d December, 1849. Of the 105 lodges in the State 98 were represented. Initiated during the year 950, suspensions 32, rejections 84, expulsions 13, deaths 26—whole number of members 3,508. Alabama opposes the formation of General Grand Lodge.

MISSISSIPPI.

The last annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Natchez, on the 5th of February, and the printed proceedings come to us in a volume of 250 pages. Seventy-three lodges were represented.

TENNESSEE.

The annual meeting was held at Nashville on the 2d October, 1849. Of the 119 lodges in the State 107 were represented. The Masonic College is in prosperous circumstances. A regulation allowing five cents per mile and one dollar per day to members of the Grand Lodge was adopted. Tennessee favors the formation of a General Grand Lodge.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Lodge met at Little Rock on the 5th November, 1849. The opinion of the Grand Lodge, given on several questions important to the fraternity in favor of a General Grand Lodge, against taking degrees too rapidly; they think a Grand Master is above all tribunals, and that a lodge cannot try its Master. They contend there is no appeal from the decision of a Master, and that his decision should be final. They think "the requisition of further and other tests in Masonry beyond the belief in a Supreme Being, who shall judge our conduct and reward our actions is unwise, new and an innovation upon the body of Masonry, whose proud boast it is that its principles are broad enough for every creed."

LOUISIANA.

We hear unofficially from Louisiana that the unfortunate difficulties that have so long caused confusion among the workmen have been amicably arranged and that the best spirit animates the craftsmen of the State.

TEXAS.

The transactions of this Grand Body were local and highly interesting to the brethren of the Lone Star State. All is prosperous within her borders.

OHIO.

There is no pamphlet received that gives your committee more pleasure than that from Ohio. Truly may it be said of this Grand Lodge she is a "bright and shining light." In the communication held on the 5th October, 1849, 137 lodges were represented. A committee was appointed to "collect all such facts and incidents connected with the introduction, progress and history of Freemasonry in the State of Ohio, as may be deemed important for preservation; and especially with reference to its influence upon the moral and social condition of society." The subordinates were urged to look after "such children of indigent Mason (whether orphans or not) as are not already enjoying the privileges of education and seeing that they have secured to them the blessings of a good instruction in some of the public schools as provided by law, or in private schools where no public ones are accessible."

INDIANA.

The pamphlet from our sister State is superior in point of typographical appearance to any received. The annual meeting was held at Indianapolis on the 27th May last. Eighty-one Chartered and 29 U. D. Lodges were represented. From the beautifully written message of Grand Master Denning we extract the concluding paragraph:

"Masonry in Indiana has advanced with education, the arts, and the refinements of cultivated society. What has been wrought since the third Monday of December, 1817? Then delegates from the four following lodges met at Corydon in convention, to form Indiana Grand Lodge by preparatory measures agreeably to the rules of the craft. Their names were: Rising Sun, Union, Switzerland and Blazing Star. To these were added, on their first adjournment being called, Brookville Harmony, Lawrenceburg, Melchizedek and Pisgah. We now have in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge more than one hundred subordinate lodges, conforming to the ancient landmarks, abiding by the ancient constitutions, and walking in the old paths, in peace, unity and concord. Then our temples were sparsely scattered along the margin of the Ohio, or standing in solitary grandeur in the almost unbroken wilderness of the Lower Wabash; now we are assembled in the growing capital of our State, with our eyes resting on the walls of a noble building devoted to the spread of the principles of universal benevolence, while the sound of the Masonic gavel and the answering voices to our roll-call are heard from the Great Miami to Lake Michigan. Brethren, we form an important part of the Grand Masonic Temple of our country. It has already

the largest altar of incense and the brightest light of any of its compeers among the nations. Its pillars rest on the opposite shores of a mighty continent—its cloud-covered dome echoes with the roar of two oceans. May its light remain undimmed and every offering upon its altar signify good will to man."

MICHIGAN.

The annual meeting was held at Mason's Hall, Detroit, on the 9th of January, 1850. Thirty-three lodges were represented. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge give evidence that Masonry is in good hands in the Peninsular State.

WISCONSIN.

The annual meeting was held on the 12th of December last—13 lodges represented. The Grand Master considers "the denying of the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, by the operation of a simple vote of negation in the ballot box, as not only wrong in itself, but also un-Masonic; without sufficient cause shown to the contrary, the advancement may be demanded by the candidate as a matter of right. He has already submitted to the ordeal of the simple negative in the ballot box,and he stands in the lodge as a man and Mason, subject to the action of a majority of his brethren on his merits and demerits; the single voice is Masonically bound to speak *openly*, in order that the whole lodge may be enabled to judge on the subject justly and correctly."

IOWA.

The last Annual Communication was held at Keokuk on the 4th June. An able report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was read. Our brethren of Iowa give evidence of prosperity.

CALIFORNIA.

Since the last annual session of our Grand Lodge, another star has been added to the constellation of Masonry. The brethren of the mystic tie who sundered near and dear relatives in the older States, and by land and sea journeyed to the far-off California, have not forgotten the duties they owe to God, the craft, their neighbors and themselves; but with commendable zeal have flung to the breeze the glorious banner of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth;" on its broad folds the inscriptions "Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice" may be seen. In that distant portion of our own loved country, where the thirst for gold is the grand passion of many, and where misfortune and sickness visit not a few, the excellency of our time-honored institution has been seen, felt and acknowledged. There, where no gentle sister's hand could smoothe the pillow, where no tender wife could minister

to the afflicted husband's necessities—where no affectionate mother could kneel beside the couch of sickness and despair, and tell in heavenly accents of that other and better country—there, we say, has the excellency of our institution been felt and acknowledged.

The Grand Lodge of California was organized on the 17th April last, and we are pleased to notice that brethren distinguished for their Masonic intelligence assisted in its formation. Established under such favorable auspices we have every reason to hope for its prosperity. It may not be out of place in this connection to state that a Past Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, (R. W. John R. Crandall,) was at our last advices, lecturing to the subordinate lodges of California, and from the ability of that brother, we feel confident if the craftsmen of California keep within the line of his teachings, it is impossible they should materially vary from ancient York Masonry. The brethren of California have already expended thousands of dollars in the erection of buildings for the accommodation of the sick. For the edification of the Grand Lodge, we make the following extracts from the Constitution of Grand Lodge of California:

"The fee for instituting a subordinate lodge shall be $250. * * Every lodge upon the receipt of its charter shall pay the Grand Secretary the sum of $25 for engrossing the same and affixing thereto the seal of the Grand Lodge. * * *

SECTION 2. Each lodge shall pay into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge the sum of three dollars for every degree conferred upon candidates, the sum of five dollars for every adjoining member—and five dollars and fifty cents, semi-annually for each contributing member.

SEC. 3. There shall be paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge, Five Dollars by the applicant, for every Diploma granted to a member of a subordinate lodge.

SEC. 4. For all and every copy of any portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or of any document in his possession proper to be published, which the Grand Secretary shall be required to make, he shall demand and receive, for the use of the Grand Lodge, Fifty Cents for every one hundred words.

SEC. 5. No lodge shall confer the three degrees in Masonry for a less sum than One Hundred Dollars, and the fee for each degree, as may be regulated by the lodge, shall be paid invariably in advance.

We have now noticed the proceedings of the different Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence, and in glancing over the Masonic world we are pleased to say that at no previous time has the widespread order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons exhibited such unmistakable evidences of prosperity as now. The storm of persecution, the blind fury of the bigoted

religionists, and the shafts of the dishonest demagogue have fallen harmless at our feet. The pillars of our grand old Temple, after having withstood the tempests of centuries, are still beautiful and magnificent. No evidences of decay are to be seen. Though often tried she has as often proven that no force from without can crush her. Let the entrance of our sanctuary be carefully guarded against the approach of the unworthy—let none but the just and upright behold the beauties of our inner temple, and as long as virtue exists in the human heart, so long will our Order live. Empires and Kingdoms may pass away, the monumental marble may crumble, but "Freemasonry will still survive."

Respectfully,

T. J. PICKETT,
JOHN T. LINDSAY,
H. G. REYNOLDS.

When the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

[The following, which had been submitted to the subordinate lodges, but had not been acted on, was ordered to be again submitted to them by the Grand Secretary.]

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
JACKSONVILLE, November A. D. 1850, A. L. 5850.

To the Several Lodges in the State of Illinois:

BRETHREN: The Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to append to the published proceedings all resolutions for the amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, or any other matters on which it may be necessary for subordinate lodges to act; that he also notify them thereof by a published circular, embodying such resolutions, in season for their action; and that such lodges shall certify their proceedings thereon to the Grand Lodge.

In conformity therewith, I send you a copy of the proposed New Constitution and By-Laws, which, under the following section of the present Constitution, will be called up and adopted or rejected at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to be holden at Springfield, on the first Monday, —— day of October next.

No alteration shall take place in this Constitution, except in the manner following:

Every amendment shall be proposed in writing, at a regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, a fair copy of which shall be sent by the Grand Secretary to each of the subordinate lodges, who shall pass or reject the same, and certify their proceeding at the next regular Communication; when, if it appear that two-thirds of the subordinate lodges have agreed to pass the same, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of Illinois.

We, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, in order to form fraternal union, establish order, insure tranquility, provide for and promote the welfare of the Craft, and secure to the Fraternity of the State the blessings of Masonic privileges, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Illinois, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the following officers and members, with the following rank and title: A Most Worshipful Grand Master; a Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; nine or more District Deputy Grand Masters; a Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; a Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; a Grand Orator; a Grand Chaplain; a Grand Treasurer; a Grand Secretary; a Deputy Grand Secretary; two Grand Deacons; a Grand Marshal; a Grand Tyler; two Grand Stewards; a Grand Sword Bearer; a Grand Pursuivant; the Master and Wardens, for the time being, of the several lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; all Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge; all Past Deputy Grand Masters; all Past Grand Wardens; and all Past Masters, who have been duly elected Masters, and have actually presided as Worshipful Masters of lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and who still remain members of a lodge.

Sec. 2. Whenever the Worshipful Master and Wardens of any subordinate lodge, or either of them, shall be unable to attend the communications of the Grand Lodge, they, or either of them who cannot so attend, may depute any member of their own lodge, he being a Master Mason, as a proxy to represent their lodge in the Grand Lodge, and the proxy so deputed shall

be entitled to the same privileges and perform the same duties of him or them deputing him; said deputation shall be in writing, and signed by the officer deputing him.

SEC. 3. In all elections and questions which shall come before the Grand Lodge for its action, every subordinate lodge shall be entitled to three votes collectively from its representation agreed on amongst themselves; the Most Worshipful Grand Master one vote; the Deputy Grand Master one vote; the Grand Wardens one vote collectively; each Past Grand Master one vote; Past Deputy Grand Masters one vote collectively; District Deputy Grand Masters one vote collectively; Past Grand Wardens one vote collectively; and Past Masters, members of subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, not representatives, one vote collectively; and all questions and elections shall be decided by a majority of the votes given.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. None, except such as have attained to the degree of Past Master, and are at the time of their election or appointment members of some lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Orator, Grand Chaplain and Grand Tyler shall be elected by ballot on the second day of each annual communication; and they shall be installed into their respective offices before the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, and shall hold the same until their successors shall be duly elected and installed. And all the officers whose election is not provided for herein shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master.

SEC. 3. A majority of all the votes present shall be necessary to a choice of the officers mentioned in the second section of this article.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall assemble annually, on the third Monday in May.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master, and in his absence from the State, the Deputy Grand Master, by consent of the Grand Wardens, may call special meetings of the Grand Lodge at such times and places as necessity may require.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall be the supreme Masonic authority,

within the State of Illinois, and, by the ancient Constitutions and usages of the Fraternity, is and shall be invested with all the original, essential powers and privileges belonging to the Ancient Craft; and shall have power especially—

First—To fix its place of meetings; to enact and enforce all laws and regulations for the government of the Fraternity; and alter, amend, and repeal the same at pleasure, agreeably with the principles and usages of ancient Freemasonry, and not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Second—To constitute new lodges, by granting Dispensations and Charters, under seal; and, for good cause, to suspend, revoke and annul the same, at pleasure.

Third—To establish and preserve an uniform mode of work and lectures, within the ancient landmarks and customs of Masonry.

Fourth—To assess and collect from the several lodges under their jurisdiction such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to be appropriated to the benefit of the Craft.

Fifth—To hear and determine all questions of dispute between two or more lodges.

Sixth—To hear and decide all appeals from the decisions of subordinate lodges.

Seventh—To demand and receive such fees and charges for granting Dispensations, Charters, Certificates and Diplomas as may be reasonable.

Eighth—To hear and decide all charges and complaints against any officer of the Grand Lodge, and to inflict such punishment on the guilty as may appear just and proper.

Ninth—To exercise all such powers, and perform all such acts as by custom are exercised and performed within the ancient customs and landmarks of the Fraternity.

Sec. 2. No alteration shall take place in this Constitution, except in the manner following: Every amendment shall be proposed in writing at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge, a fair copy of which shall be sent by the Grand Secretary to each of the subordinate lodges, who shall pass or reject the same, and certify their proceedings at the next regular communication; when if it appears that two-thirds of the subordinate lodges represented have agreed to pass the same, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

Sec. 3. No by-laws shall hereafter be made, unless the same shall have been proposed and read at the preceding annual communication.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. No lodge acting under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall knowingly receive any candidate in either of the degrees of Masonry, that has been rejected by any other lodge without first receiving the unanimous consent of the lodge that rejected him.

SEC. 2. No brother admitted as a visitor during the session of the Grand Lodge, shall be permitted to vote on any subject before it, nor to speak on any subject without the leave of the M. W. Grand Master.

SEC. 3. No member shall be eligible to the office of Grand or Deputy Grand Master, unless he shall have passed the chair in some regular lodge, unless it be in cases of emergency.

SEC. 4. In case the chair of the Grand Lodge shall become vacated by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be filled by the Deputy Grand Master, and in case any other office becomes vacated by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Grand Master for the time being shall fill such vacancy.

SEC. 5. Every lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall at each Grand Annual Communication, deliver to the Grand Secretary a list of the officers and members of their lodge, also a list of the initiations, admissions, deaths, removals, suspensions and expulsions of members, with their respective dates, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary.

SEC. 6. No Letter or Warrant of Dispensation shall be granted for the formation of a new lodge, but upon the petition of at least seven known and approved Master Masons, in which their first Master and Wardens shall be nominated; which petition shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the lodge nearest to the place in which the new lodge is to be holden.

SEC. 7. For every Letter or Warrant of Dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, there shall be paid into the Grand Treasury the sum of fifteen dollars; and for every Charter, the sum of five dollars in addition with two dollars for the Grand Secretary's fee; which said sums respectively shall be paid before the delivery of the Warrant or Charter. And in all cases where the seal of the Grand Lodge is required to be affixed, there shall be paid, by the applicant to the Grand Secretary the sum of two dollars; except to the Dispensation for which no fee shall be allowed.

SEC. 8. Every lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall pay into the Grand Treasury the sum of twenty-five cents annually for each member thereof, as a Grand Charity Fund, and a further sum of twenty-five cents annually, for each member belonging to their lodge at the time of

making their annual Grand Communication; *Provided*, that no lodge shall pay a less sum than five dollars, exclusive of the contribution of charity. And the Master and Wardens, or representatives of any lodge, shall not take their seats in the Grand Lodge until all their dues be paid; and in case of the neglect or refusal of any lodge to pay the same, at or before the next communication thereafter, unless reasonable excuse be offered, such lodge shall be stricken off the books of the Grand Lodge, and their warrant or charter considered null and void; but, on proper application to the Grand Lodge, making due returns, and paying off dues, they may be restored to their former rank and privileges, if the Grand Lodge shall judge proper.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to lay before the Grand Lodge, at each Annual Grand Communication, all his accounts, for inspection and adjustment, and shall immediately pay over to his successor any balance which may be found due from him to the Grand Lodge, together with all the books, papers and documents belonging to his office.

Sec. 10. All appeals from any subordinate lodge shall be in writing, and left with the Grand Secretary, and the appellant shall give the other party at least one month's notice thereof, or otherwise the Grand Lodge shall not proceed to hear and determine the same.

Sec. 11. In all cases of the suspension, or expulsion, or restoration of a member, two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be required; and in all cases of the restoration of a Mason, suspended by any lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the same majority shall be required. No expelled Mason shall be restored to the privileges of Masonry except by a vote of the Grand Lodge; and such restoration shall not reinstate him in membership in the lodge from which he was expelled without the unanimous consent of the members thereof.

Sec. 12. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the time being, or a majority of them, shall be a standing Committee of Charity, under whose direction the Grand Charity Fund shall be distributed.

Sec. 13. Upon the demise of any lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of the said lodge shall, within six months thereafter, surrender to the Grand Secretary all the books, papers, jewels, funds and furniture of the lodge so demised.

Sec. 14. Every lodge within this jurisdiction may exercise all the rights of discipline over Masons (not members thereof, or of any other lodge,) who reside in the immediate vicinity of such lodge, so far as may relate to the conduct and behavior of such Masons, while resident in the vicinity of such lodge.

SEC. 15. The Grand Master shall on the first day, and immediately after the organization of the Grand Lodge, at each Annual Communication, appoint the following Standing Committees, viz.:

A Committee on Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges—To consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all the returns and work of Subordinate Chartered Lodges, and whose duty shall be to examine the same, and report the same to the Grand Lodge.

A Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges U. D.—To consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all the returns and work of Lodges Under Dispensation, and whose duty shall be to examine the same, and report to the Grand Lodge.

A Committee on Petitions and Grievances—To consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all appeals to the Grand Lodge, and all petitions for new lodges.

A Committee on Finances and Accounts—To consist of three members, whose duty shall be to examine and report on all accounts to them referred, and examine and report on the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

A Committee to Examine Visiting Brethren—To consist of two members; and

A Committee on Foreign Correspondence—To consist of three members.

SEC. 16. No alteration or amendment shall take place in these By-Laws except in the following manner: Every amendment shall be proposed in writing at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge, which shall be spread upon the minutes and printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; when, if a majority of the votes at the next regular communication shall agree to the same, it shall become a part of these By-Laws; and any amendment then offered, not inconsistent with the spirit and meaning of such proposed amendments, may be acted upon at such communication.

The early attention and action of your lodge is respectfully called to the above, and you will please give the Grand Secretary immediate notice what this action has been.

Forms for returns are furnished from my office; and if the Secretary has not received any, he can, by informing me by letter immediately, have them forwarded in due time.

W. B. WARREN, G. S.

TUESDAY MORNING, Oct. 8, 1850.

The M. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present in addition to the representation of yesterday, from No. 46, Brother Heyl, W. M; No. 47, Bro. J. S. Smith, proxy for W. M.; No. 49, Bro. D. C. McNeal, W. M.

Bro. Parish had leave of absence for the balance of this communication.

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation made the following report, which on motion, was adopted, and the representatives requested to take seats and participate in the deliberations of this body.

The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges U. D. ask leave to report, that they have examined the returns, work and by-laws of White Hall, Vitruvius, Iroquois, De Witt and Mt. Pulaski, and find them correct.

The committee would further report that they have examined the Returns and Work of Metamora Lodge and find them correct, with one exception. A petition was received, acted on and the candidate initiated, passed and raised at one communication, without a special dispensation; which irregularity is so great a departure from the ancient usages of the fraternity, that your committee feel bound in the faithful discharge of their duties, to call the attention of the M. W. Grand Lodge to this case.

They further report they have examined the Work, Returns and By-Laws of Hancock Lodge, and find them correct, with one exception. A candidate was initiated ten days after his petition was received

The committee have also examined the Returns, Work and By-Laws of Mitchell Lodge, and find them correct except the following provision in their by-laws, to-wit: All petitions shall lie over one month, "except in cases of emergency," which exception the committee are of the opinion, that the M. W. Grand Lodge should order to be stricken out.

The Kaskaskia Lodge sent up a list of members with their by-laws.

All of the above lodges ask for a charter except Kaskaskia, their amounts being paid, &c.

Your committee recommend the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That a charter be granted:

To White Hall Lodge U. D., as White Hall Lodge, No. 80.
To Vitruvius Lodge U. D., as Vitruvius Lodge, No. 81.
To Metamora Lodge U. D., as Metamora Lodge, No. 82.
To Iroquois Lodge U. D., as Iroquois Lodge, No. 83.
To Hancock Lodge U. D., as Hancock Lodge, No. 20.
To De Witt Lodge U. D., as De Witt Lodge, No. 84.
To Mitchell Lodge U. D., as Mitchell Lodge, No. 85.

To Kaskaskia Lodge U. D., as Kaskaskia Lodge, No. 86.
To Mt. Pulaski Lodge U. D., as Mt. Pulaski Lodge, No. 87.

Your committee would further report that they find the above Works and Returns of Lodges U. D., the following number of members initiated, passed and raised in each lodge to-wit:

	Initiated.	*Passed.*	*Raised.*	*Whole No.*
Vitruvius Lodge U. D.	11	11	9	20
White Hall "	2	3	3	14
Metamora "	10	9	9	15
Iroquois "	11	12	10	19
Hancock "	7	4	3	16
De Witt "	4	3	3	12
Mitchell "	6	5	7	14
Kaskaskia "				8
Mt. Pulaski "	14	11	11	20

All of which is respectfully submited.

ELIAS HIBBARD,
WM. S. HAIL,
—— DAVIS.

The Committee on Finance reported the following which was adopted:

Your committee have examined the account of Bro. E. R. Roe, finding it correct, would recommend its payment to the amount of $182.00. Oct. 8, 1850.

OCTOBER 7, 1850.

Upon examination we find per receipts of the Grand Treasurer that the Grand Secretary has received and paid to him the sum of.....$ 970 60
Amount paid out by the Grand Treasurer as per vouchers.... 643 24
Balance on hand Grand Lodge fund.....1,239.37½
Balance on charity fund..... 1,058 65

W. W. BENNETT,
R. W. SCANLAND,
W. A. REED,
Committee of Finance and Accounts.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances made report, which on motion, was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Petitions and Greivances:

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances have had under consideration such cases as were presented to them; and beg leave to report as follows:

In the case of E. J. Nicholson, presented to the committee by Warren Lodge, No. 14, they find that E. J. Nicholson had been by said lodge expelled from all of the rights and privileges of Masonry; and that said lodge having become satisfied that said Nicholson was improperly expelled, they by unanimous vote ask leave to reinstate him in Masonry, and his membership in said lodge.

Your committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That E. J. Nicholson be restored to the privileges of Masonry, and that Warren Lodge, No. 14, be authorized to restore him to full membership.

Your committee have examined an appeal in the case of Joseph P. Dennis, who had been indefinitely suspended by Temple Lodge, No. 46, for un-Masonic conduct; and they find nothing illegal or irregular in the action of said lodge; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of Temple Lodge, No. 46, suspending Joseph P. Dennis, was regular and legal, and that the same be confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

In the case of Dr. J. B. Rogers, sent up by a member of Rushville Lodge, No. 9,—while this committee expresses no opinion in relation to the guilt or innocence of said Rogers, they are satisfied from the testimony before them that the action of Rushville Lodge in the case has been regular.

E. R. ROE,
J. McMURTRY,
C. G. V. TAYLOR.

On motion of Bro. Bennett, for reasons stated to the Grand Lodge, the fee for charter to Kaskaskia Lodge, No. 86, was remitted.

The committee on the Grand Master's Address made report as follows, which on motion of Bro. Scanland, was accepted and resolutions adopted:

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully

Report—That they have taken that very able and valuable paper into careful consideration, and that they commend the same to the earnest attention of the Grand Lodge. With most of the sentiments contained in that address, your committee most heartily concur; and they are satisfied their influence will tend to the good of Masonry.

On the subject of reprinting the by-laws and all binding resolutions of

the Grand Lodge in one body, we are satisfied that in no other way can they all be brought properly before the subordinate lodges. Not only is it a laborious task to hunt them up through the various publications of the Grand Lodge over which they are distributed, but the want of even these sources on the part of many of the lodges, makes this itself impossible. In accordance therefore, with the recommendation of the Grand Master, we propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to collect and publish as an appendix to the annual proceedings, all of the laws, by-laws and binding resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

On the subject of dimits, it is our opinion that the following resolution, which is now in force, is a sufficient regulation on that subject:

Resolved, As the opinion of this M. W. Grand Lodge, that it is contrary to and inconsistent with the ancient usages and precepts of our order, to withdraw from a subordinate lodge without some good cause; or to reside in the neighborhood of a subordinate lodge without becoming a member thereof. [1842.]

We have carefully considered that portion of the Grand Master's Address which relates to the necessity of a separate ballot for each of the three degrees; and propose the following:

Resolved, That the standing resolution which requires a unanimous ballot for each of the three degrees, should be understood literally; and that it should be the same in each and unanimous in all: upon the moral, intellectual and Masonic qualifications of the applicant.

On the question of re-balloting for rejected candidates for the honors and privileges of Masonry, we are of opinion that the provision which requires that they should wait one year before re-petitioning is a necessary and appropriate one, and should be continued.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. R. ROE,
T. J. PICKETT,
J. L. ANDERSON,
C. G. Y. TAYLOR,
ELIAS HIBBARD.

Bro. Taylor offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois that after the permanent location the annual communication shall be held on the 4th Monday in May—which resolution lies over until our next annual communication.

On motion of Bro. McMurtry the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Loyal A. Cunningham, (formerly a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 26, and expelled by said lodge) be reinstated to all the privileges of the order.

Hiram Lodge having by a vote recommended the above resolution.

Bro. Hibbard offered the following resolution which lies over one year:

Resolved, That the 3d Section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Illinois be so amended as to read as follows, to-wit:

SEC. 3d. No member shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior or Junior Warden, unless he shall have passed the chair in some regular lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That Washington Lodge, No. 55, be allowed a credit of $24, dues of 1849, they having sent the same to Bro. Mitchell by mail previous to the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then adjourned until half-past 1 o'clock.

HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

On motion of Bro. McMurtry,

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to the brethren of Keithsburg to open a lodge at Keithsburg, without any dispensation fee, said brethren having as stated by them, previously sent the amount by mail to the M. W. G. Master, which has never been received; provided the Most Worshipful Grand Master shall approve the same.

Bro. H. M. Butts, presented a letter from Caleb Carr, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges, made the following report, which on motion was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois:

The Committee on the Return and Work of Chartered Lodges beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the following lodges, and find them correct and dues paid, to-wit:

Bodley, No. 1, Equality 2, Kavanaugh 36, Macon 8, Rushville 9, Peoria 15, Lafayette 18, Clinton 19, St. Clair 24, Franklin 25, Hiram 26, Piasa 27,

Mt. Vernon 31, Oriental 33, Olive Branch 38, Carrollton 39, Reclamation 54, Washington 55, Pittsfield 56, Benton 64, Knoxville 66, Naples 68, Central 71, Roscoe 75, Mt. Nebo 76, Prairie 77, Batavia 73.

Your committee have also examined the returns of the following lodges, and find them liable to the following exceptions:

Herman Lodge, No. 39, in the particular of receiving petitions and initiating the candidate in less than one month. Euclid Lodge, No 65, to the same exception; and in addition to having disposed of the petition of an applicant after the report of the committee, without ballot. New Boston Lodge, No. 59, 50 cents; and Unity Lodge, No. 48, $1—in all other respects correct.

All of which is respectfully reported.

JAS. L. ANDERSON,
J. M. KEYS,
THOS. HOLLOWBUSH.

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation made a further report, which on motion, was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges U. D., ask leave further to report, that they have examined the Returns and Work of Fellowship and Havana Lodges U. D., and find them correct, dues paid and charters prayed for.

The Returns of Rockton and Jerusalem Temple Lodges U. D., show the same haste and irregularity of work, and illegal provisions in their by-laws of which your committee had occasion to complain in their former report. Their dues are reported paid and charter prayed for.

Your committee offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That charters be granted to the foregoing lodges under their proper names and numbers.

Number of members,		Fellowship	17
"	"	Havana	20
"	"	Rockton	26
"	"	Jerusalem Temple	14

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIAS HIBBARD,
WM. S. HAIL,
C. A. DAVIS.

The M. W. Grand Lodge then went into an election for Grand Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows, viz:

M. W. C. G. Y. Taylor of Belleville, G. M.
R. W. T. J. Pickett of Peoria, D. G. M.
W. W. Bennett of Mt. Vernon, S. G. W.
D. C. McNeil of Cambridge, J. G. W.
W. B. Warren of Jacksonville, G. S.
Wm. McMurtry of Henderson, G. T.
J. T. Lindsay of Peoria, G. O.
and Rev. J. T. Worthington of Jacksonville, G. C.
M. McNamara of Springfield, G. Tyler.

Bro. Anderson called up the resolution offered at the last communication for the permanent location of the Grand Lodge; when a ballot was had, which resulted as follows: On the

1st	ballot,	Jacksonville	12,	Peoria	8,	Springfield	7,	Alton	5.
2d	"	"	10	"	8	"	8	"	2
3d	"	"	12	"	7	"	9	"	5
4th	"	"	15	"	8	"	7	"	4
5th	"	"	14	"	6	"	9	"	3
6th	"	"	15	"	1	"	17	"	0

Springfield having a majority of the votes cast was chosen as the place for the permanent location of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Scanland offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, whenever a member of a subordinate lodge removes permanently out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without dimitting, that said subordinate lodge shall not be required to pay dues for said member.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called off until half past seven this afternoon, for the purpose of installing officers.

At half past seven o'clock the M. W. Grand Lodge was called to labor, and the Grand Officers installed.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments:

P. A. Wittaker of Rock Island, G. S. D.
A. R. Stout of Shawneetown, G. J. D.
R. W. Scanland of Pittsfield, G. P.
J. W. Keys of Springfield, G. Steward.
—. Darwin of Springfield, G. Steward.
—. Hotchkiss of Nashville, G. M.
J. M. Scott of Bloomington, G. S. B.

Brothers Pickett, Hibbard and Lavely were appointed the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers Young and Heyl had leave of absence for the balance of this communication.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called off until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 8, 1850.

The M. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation made the following report, which was accepted, and recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges U. D., ask leave further to *report*—

That they have examined the Returns and Work of Metropolis, Stewart, Toulon, Morning Sun and Perry Lodges U. D., and find them correct, and dues paid.

The committee recommend that charters be granted to the five lodges above named as follows, to-wit:

Metropolis Lodge,	No.	91.
Stewart	"	92.
Toulon	"	93.
Morning Sun	"	94.
Perry	"	95.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIAS HIBBARD,
WM. S. HAIL.

On motion of Bro. Lindsay,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge politely request our Worthy Brother Wm. C. Hobbs, Past Grand Master of this lodge, to make out an account of the amount of his expenses in attending this session, and present the same to the Grand Secretary, and this lodge empower the Secretary to draw an order in favor of Brother Wm. C. Hobbs upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount of said expenses.

On motion of Bro. Bennett it was,

Resolved, That Bro. E. R. Roe be requested to address this Grand Lodge at the Presbyterian Church at 1 o'clock.

Bro. Scanland offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is not in the power of a majority of the members of a subordinate lodge to surrender the charter of said lodge, so long as seven Master Masons, members thereof, continue to work under said charter, and according to the ancient landmarks of Masonry.

On motion of Bro. Scanland it was,

Resolved, That the old established Masonic law that there is no appeal from the decision of a Worshipful Master of a subordinate lodge, except to the Grand Lodge, is a salutary law, and should be cheerfully conformed to by subordinate lodges.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report they have examined an account of the M. W. Grand Master Hobbs, for postage and printing, amounting to $21.76. Also an account of the Grand Secretary for postage and stationery, amounting to $11.60, and recommend the payment.

W. W. BENNETT,
R. W. SCANLAND,
WARREN A. REID.

On motion of Bro. McMurtry, Bros. Southerd and Chatterton were added to the Committee on Petitions and Grievances.

Bro. Bennett offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to divide this State into three Grand Districts, and that he appoint a Grand Lecturer from each district, whose duty it shall be to visit each subordinate lodge during the Masonic year, and instruct said lodges in the work and lectures.

Bro. Anderson presented a petition from Bro. Ketchum, which on motion, was referred to Special Committee of Bros. Baugh, Lindsay, Keys, Anderson and Reed.

Bro. Hobbs offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturers who shall hold conference together and agree upon the work and lectures of the three degrees, shall receive from this Grand Lodge remuneration for services performed, and the said Grand Lecturers shall return a faithful account of all moneys paid to them by the subordinate lodges for lecturing, which said sums shall be taken into consideration as a part, or full, liquidation for their services upon a settlement with the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge to pay all deficiencies, provided the balance due to the three shall not exceed the sum of $300.

Bro. Anderson offered the following resolution, which was lost:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that the subordinate

lodges under her jurisdiction are not expected or required to pay Grand Lodge dues for such of their members whose circumstances are too indigent to justify the subordinate lodge in requiring or enforcing the payment of dues.

Bro. Warren offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recommend to the subordinate lodges under her jurisdiction, the Masonic Signet, by Bro. Mitchell, as a work of high Masonic authority, and deserving their patronage. On motion of Bro. Scanland, it was,

Resolved, That the Grand Tyler be allowed two dollars and fifty cents per day for tyling during the present session.

Brother Hobbs offered the following resolution, which on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence a copy of the proceedings of each sister Grand Lodge received in the Grand Secretary's office, as soon after the same shall be received by said Grand Secretary as practicable.

On motion of Bro. Hibbard,

Resolved, That the dispensation granted Samuel H. Davis Lodge, and all others U. D., who have not reported themselves at this communication, be continued until our next annual communication, unless sooner revoked by the M. W. G. Master.

On motion of Bro. Hobbs, it was,

Resolved, That in consequence of certain difficulties reported to exist by Bro. C. F. Wurt, a Past Master of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 62, between the said Jerusalem Lodge, No. 62 and Samuel H. Davis Lodge U. D.—three members be appointed a committee to examine into the alleged difficulties existing between said lodges, and report the particulars of the same, together with their opinions to the M. W. Grand Master, who is hereby requested to take such action thereon as his wisdom may suggest.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master announced as said committee:

Bro. Amos of Roscoe Lodge, Bro. Hatch of Rockton Lodge and Bro. Reynolds of Cambridge Lodge.

Bro. Bennett offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no member of

a Lodge U. D. has a right to vote in his lodge, except those mentioned in the dispensation.

On motion of Bro. Stout, it was,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no election for officers should take place in a Lodge U. D.—but that all vacancies should be filled by temporary appointments by the W. Master.

The Committee on Petitions made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial from Mt. Nebo Lodge, censuring Noble Barron, have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report—That the papers be returned to Mt. Nebo Lodge for such further action as they may deem necessary in the premises.

Also, the petition of brethren of Lebanon, for a new lodge, to be called Lebanon Lodge, has no recommendation from the *nearest lodge*.

Also, the petitions from brethren of Winchester, Scott County, for a lodge to be called Rising Sun Lodge—and from Jonesborough, Union County, to be called Jonesborough Lodge, is regularly recommended, but lacks the certificate of qualification of their officers.

We therefore present the following:

Resolevd, That dispensations be granted to the foregoing named lodges, whereupon they shall produce said *certificates* and *recommendation* to the Grand Master.

WM. McMURTRY.
T. LEUTHER,
C. W. CHATTERTON.

On motion of Bro. Hobbs, it was,

Resolved, That a Committee of Instruction to consist of five, be appointed at each Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, simultaneously with the Standing Committees, whose duty shall be to hold regular meetings on each day of the said session, during such hours as may be established by the Grand Lodge—to rehearse and teach the work and lecturers of the three degrees, under the jurisdiction of this body. The Grand Lecturer or Grand Lecturers, if any, shall be ex-officio members of this committee.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge shall arrange it own sittings at each session in such a manner as not to conflict with the hours appointed for the sittings of the Committee of Instruction.

On motion, the M. W. G. Lodge was called from labor until one o'clock this afternoon.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was called to labor.

When the Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following additional report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. G. Lodge of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned, the Committee on the Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges, beg leave to report, that they have examined the returns of Bloomington Lodge, No. 43; Temple Lodge, No. 46; Trio Lodge, No. 57; Monroe Lodge, No. 28, for 1849 and 1850; Cambridge Lodge, No. 49; Macomb Lodge, No. 17; Caledonia Lodge, No, 47, and find them all correct and dues paid.

Your committee have also examined the returns of Springfield Lodge, No. 4, and find the exceptions of acting on petitions and initiating candidates in a less time than one month—in other respects correct.

Your committee would further report that there have been added to the chartered lodges, whose returns have been received and examined, by initiation during the past year 459, and the number of members now in connection with the Grand Lodge is 1,572.

Your committee would further state that no returns have been received from Friendship Lodge No. 7, St. Johns No. 19, Pekin No. 29, Morning Star No. 30, Barry No. 34, Charleston No. 35, Kavanaugh No. 36, Monmouth No. 37, Occidental No 40, Far West No. 41, Mount Joliet No. 42, Harden No. 44, Griggsville No. 45, Benevolent No. 52, Jackson No 53, Fraternal No. 58, Belvidere No. 60, Lacon No. 61, Jerusalem No. 62, St. Marks No. 63.

On motion of Bro. Hobbs, it was

Resolved, That Bro. Grand Secretary be directed to procure collars for the jewels of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Roe offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the new Constitution of the Grand Lodge herewith printed shall, from and after the first Monday in October, 1851, be the supreme law of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Grand Secretary presented his bond, which was approved.

Brother Hibbard offered the following resolution, which was received, and the consideration postponed until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That all non-affiliated Master Masons who refuse to contribute to the support of the institution, unless prevented by disability, do, by so doing, forfeit all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Order.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was called off until 7 o'clock.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor.

The committee raised upon the appeal of Bro. Ketchum was discharged.

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances made the following report, accompanied with a resolution, which was adopted and committee discharged:

The Committee on Petitions and Grievances, to whom was referred the papers on the appeal of J. P. Dennis, who was suspended from Temple Lodge, have directed me to report the papers back to the Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. McMURTRY,
C. W. CHATTERTON,
T. LEUTHER.

On motion of Bro. Bennett, it was ordered that the Grand Secretary be allowed one hundred and fifty dollars for his services the past year, also his expenses attending the communication.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to contract with Bro. Roe for publishing the proceedings of this communication, the work to be done in sixty days after the reception of the manuscript.

Brother Lindsay offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That this Lodge hereby express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our Worthy Brother W. C. Hobbs, Past Worshipful Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, for the deep interest he has so signally manifested for the preservation and advancement of our Masonic principles and Masonic virtues, by industriously guarding well the portals of the Grand Lodge and the subordinates from the encroachment of error and innovation—and the only testimony we can offer of our regard, respect and admiration for him, is by stating that his course has ever been marked with moderation, wisdom, and true Masonic charity.

On motion of Bro. Keys, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the brethren of Warren Lodge for their kindness and attention during the present session.

Brother Warren offered the following resolution, which lies over until the next communication:

Resolved, That the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out Springfield as the permanent location of the Grand Lodge, and inserting Peoria.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were presented.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

WM. McMURTRY, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, as follows:

1849.		DR.
Oct. 3.	By amount on hand at this date	$1,047 97½
Feb. 1850.	By amount received from Mt. Vernon Lodge, (Dues of 1849.)	7 50
Oct. 7. "	By amount received from Grand Secretary	618 80
	Total Grand Lodge funds	$1,674 27½

1849.	CONTRA.	CR.	
Oct. 4.	Order No. 2, Wm. Lavely	$ 12 62	
"	" 3, "	10 00	
"	" 4, J. Doley	4 12	
"	" 5 or 6, N. Christy	10 00	
"	" 5 or 6, Wm. Mitchell, G. S.	150 00	
"	" 7, Thomas J. Pickett	100 00	
April 25, 1850,	E. R. Roe	100 00	
" "	Thomas J. Pickett	15 75	
" "	Wm. Lavely	20 25	
" "	Stout	7 50	
" "	McNamara	5 00	
Total paid out			435 24
Amount to balance			$1,239 03½

GRAND CHARITY FUND.

Oct. 3, 1848.	By amount on hand	$901 35
"	By interest from Bro. Chatterton	6 00
Oct. 7, 1850.	By amount received from Grand Secretary	351 80
Feb. "	By dues from Mt. Vernon Lodge, (1849)	7 50
	Total Grand Charity Funds	$1,266 65

CONTRA.

Oct. 4, 1849.	Order No. 1, Lewis Swift	$ 8 00	
" "	By amount loaned Bro. Chatterton	100 00	
April 10, 1849.	Order to widow Raney	100 00	
	Total paid out		208 00
	Amount to balance		1,058 65
			$1,266 65

I, William McMurtry, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, do hereby certify the foregoing report to be correct, as per record.

Given under my hand this 8th day of October, 1850.

WILLIAM McMURTRY, G. T.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

W. B. WARREN, Grand Secretary, in account with Grand Lodge of Illinois.

April, '50.	Cash, Hardin Lodge	$17 50
"	" Cash of Cass Lodge	18 60
"	" " N. Boston "	5 00
"	" " St. Clair "	12 00
"	" " Bro. Pickett	92 00
Oct. 7.		

No.		
1	Bodley	20 50
3	Harmony	25 50
4	Springfield	26 00
9	Rushville	30 00
14	Warren	13 00
15	Peoria	18 00
17	Macomb	19 50
18	Lafayette	42 00
19	Clinton	18 00
24	St. Clair	12 00
26	Hiram	10 50
27	Plasa	21 00
31	Mt. Vernon	13 00
33	Oriental	23 00
38	Olive Branch	18 00
39	Herman	9 50
43	Bloomington	15 00
48	Unity	14 00
60	Carrollton	14 50
51	Mt. Moriah	11 50
54	Reclamation	6 50
55	Washington	8 50
56	Pittsfield	12 00
58	New Boston	5 00
64	Benton	12 00
66	Knoxville	14 00
68	Naples	8 00
71	Central	10 00

AMOUNT BROUGHT UP.

No.		
72	Chester	10 00
73	Batavia	9 00
76	Mt. Nebo	8 50
77	Prairie	20 00
U. D	Stewart, for Dispensation	15 00
"	Mitchell Dispn. and dues	22 00
"	Pulaski " "	25 00
"	Toulon " "	15 00
"	Alpha " "	15 00
"	Metamora " "	21 50
"	Hancock " "	23 00
"	Jerusalem Temple "	15 00
"	Fellowship " "	15 00
"	Metropolis " "	15 00
"	Iroquois " "	24 50
"	Excelsior " "	15 00
"	White Hall " "	22 00
"	Morning Sun " "	15 00
"	De Witt " "	28 00
"	Bureau " "	15 00
"	Kaskaskia " "	15 00
"	Vitruvius dues & Charter	14 00
		$357 60

Received of Grand Secretary the above amount of nine hundred and fifty seven dollars sixty cents.
Oct. 7th, 1850. Also 13 00

$970 60

WM. McMURTRY, G. T.

Cash received by Grand Secretary since the settlement with committee.

2	Equality	5 00
13	St. Johns	11 00
25	Franklin	15 00
28	Monroe	20 50
29	Pekin	18 00
34	Barry	20 00
37	Monmouth	15 00
40	Occidental	31 00
46	Temple	24 00
47	Caledonia	14 00
49	Cambridge	11 50
57	Trio	16 00
61	Lacon	15 00
69	Eureka	10 00
	Havana	17 00
	Perry	15 50
		$278 00

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.—Returns of Lodges.

Return of Officers of Lodges, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, received at the Annual Communication of 1850, together with the stated time and place of meeting of each Lodge.

BODLEY LODGE, No. 1.

Quincy.—Third Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Louis Watson,	Worshipful Master.
W. A. Reed,	Senior Warden.
T. E. Durant,	Junior Warden.
F. B. Leach,	Chaplain.
Q. S. Barton,	Treasurer.
Samuel Holmes,	Secretary.
A. W. Blakesley,	Senior Deacon.
H. S. Simmons,	Junior Deacon.
W. C. S. Smith,	Tyler.

EQUALITY LODGE, No. 2.

Equality—First Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

William Siddall,	Worshipful Master.
John L. Campbell,	Senior Warden.
Edward Holeman,	Junior Warden.
John Howard,	Treasurer.
Joseph E. Watkins,	Senior Deacon.
John M. Burnett,	Junior Deacon.
John D. Cummins,	Tyler.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 3.

JACKSONVILLE—First and third Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

W. W. Happy,	Worshipful Master.
W. T. Hurst,	Senior Warden.
N. English,	Junior Warden.
W. N. Ross,	Treasurer.
R. T. Megowan,	Secretary.
P. Coffman,	Senior Deacon.
I. K. Skeen,	Junior Deacon.
C. W. McLain,	Tyler.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE, No. 4.

SPRINGFIELD—Monday night before the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

James W. Keys,	Worshipful Master.
Mason Brayman,	Senior Warden.
Grover Ayres,	Junior Warden.
E. M. Hinkle,	Chaplain.
William Lavely,	Treasurer.
John Adams,	Secretary.
John T. Briscoe,	Senior Deacon.
Dudley Wickersham,	Junior Deacon.
William Carpenter,	Steward.
B. Talbot,	Steward.
B. Hicki,	Tyler.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 7.

(No Returns.)

MACON LODGE, No. 8.

DECATUR—Saturday before the first full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

C. H. Pringle,	Worshipful Master.
W. T. Stamper,	Senior Warden.

W. J. Caudell,	Junior Warden.
Benjamin H. Cassell,	Secretary.
James King.	Treasurer.
George Goodman,	Senior Deacon.
E. D. Carter,	Junior Deacon.
Daniel E. Ralls,	Tyler.

RUSHVILLE LODGE, No. 9.

RUSHVILLE—Tuesday on or before the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

James L. Anderson,	Worshipful Master.
Martin L. Read,	Senior Warden.
W. M. Murphy,	Junior Warden.
James Z. Parrott,	Secretary.
John B. Seeley,	Treasurer.
John Putman,	Senior Deacon.
N. B. Seeley.	Junior Deacon.
Thomas Smathers,	Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 13.

(No Returns.)

WARREN LODGE, No. 14.

SHAWNEETOWN—Saturday at or before full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. E. Rearden,	Worshipful Master.
Aaron R. Stout,	Senior Warden.
John T. Knox,	Junior Warden.
A. McCallen,	Treasurer.
T. S. Hazen,	Secretary.
W. A. Redman,	Senior Deacon.
H. H. M. Butt,	Junior Deacon.

PEORIA LODGE, No. 15.

PEORIA—Monday on or preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Pickett,	Worshipful Master.
Charles R. Hall,	Senior Warden.
John U. Hitchcock,	Junior Warden.
Peter Sweat,	Treasurer.
William E. Baine,	Senior Deacon.
Washington Corrington,	Junior Deacon.
William Widenham,	Tyler.

MACOMB LODGE, No. 17.

MACOMB—First Friday night of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas A. Brooking,	Worshipful Master.
J. L. N. Hall,	Senior Warden.
G. S. Taylor,	Junior Warden.
Joseph E. Wyne,	Treasurer.
James M. Campbell,	Secretary.
Robert H. Broaddus,	Senior Deacon.
A. Lewis,	Junior Deacon.
G. L. Farnell,	Tyler.

LA FAYETTE LODGE, No. 18.

CHICAGO—First and third Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. C. Miller,	Worshipful Master.
Philip Newbergh,	Senior Warden.
R. E. Goodrich,	Junior Warden.
H. W. Bigelow,	Treasurer.
J. P. Hatfield,	Secretary.
George Cowper,	Senior Deacon.
William McMillan,	Junior Deacon.
Martin Dodge,	Steward.
H. R. Taylor,	Steward.
John Daly,	Tyler.

CLINTON LODGE, No. 19.

PETERSBURG—Saturday preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Samuel Smith,	Worshipful Master.
B. D. McAfee,	Senior Warden.
A. J. Brooks,	Junior Warden.
G. U. Miles,	Treasurer.
John Bennett,	Secretary.
Samuel Black,	Senior Deacon.
A. D. Wright,	Junior Deacon.
Jacob Stein,	Tyler.

CASS LODGE, No. 23.

(No Returns.)

ST. CLAIR LODGE, No. 24.

BELLEVILLE—Saturday night before full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. Raith,	Worshipful Master.
L. D. Cabanne,	Senior Warden.
J. Mace,	Junior Warden.
N. Healey,	Treasurer.
J. C. Foster,	Secretary.
C. G. Y. Taylor,	Senior Deacon.
D. Miley,	Junior Deacon.
D. Wilvin,	Tyler.

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 25.

UPPER ALTON—Saturday on or previous to full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Elias Hibbard,	Worshipful Master.
D. M. Kittenger,	Senior Warden.
William M. Wright,	Junior Warden.
S. Hayard,	Secretary.

George Lebold, Sr.,	Treasurer.
John B. Smith,	Senior Deacon.
J. Tribble,	Junior Deacon.
D. M. Highfill,	Tyler.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 26.

HENDERSON—Thursday on or preceding full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

E. S. Cooper,	Worshipful Master.
J. N. Witt,	Senior Warden.
Charles Clark,	Junior Warden.
Joseph Henderson,	Secretary.
S. G. Dean,	Treasurer.
James Brown,	Senior Deacon.
James Price,	Junior Deacon.
Thomas Tate,	Tyler.

PIASA LODGE, No. 27.

ALTON—Tuesday at or next preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas Brown,	Worshipful Master.
B. F. Sargent,	Senior Warden.
Charles Skillman,	Junior Warden.
S. Y. McMasters,	Chaplain.
L. A. Metcalf,	Treasurer.
John Booth,	Secretary.
W. A. Patrick,	Senior Deacon.
George H. Weigler,	Junior Deacon.
A. Runzie,	Steward.
H. W. Henkle,	Steward.
C. Carpenter,	Tyler.

MONROE LODGE, No. 28.

WATERLOO—Saturday at or preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

John Coleman,	Worshipful Master.

Bradley Rust,	Senior Warden.
Jeremiah Coleman,	Junior Warden.
John M. Moore,	Treasurer.
Daniel Converse,	Secretary.
Cortez Crocker,	Senior Deacon.
John A. Reed,	Tyler.

PEKIN LODGE, No. 29.

PEKIN—First and third Saturdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

M. Tackaberry,	Worshipful Master.
Wm. Wilkey,	Senior Warden.
Wm. Krager,	Junior Warden.
A. Brown,	Chaplain.
Conrad Clouser,	Treasurer.
Bernard Bailey,	Secretary.
A. Brown,	Senior Deacon.
Joel Jones,	Junior Deacon.
J. J. Spillman,	Steward.
Bernard Sloan,	Steward.
William Snyder,	Tyler.

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 30.

CANTON—First and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. B. E. Allsigh,	Worshipful Master.
D. M. Smith,	Senior Warden.
J. C. Williams,	Junior Warden.
Henry Clark,	Treasurer.
John W. Shrine,	Secretary.
Joseph Warders,	Tyler.

MOUNT VERNON LODGE, No. 31.

MOUNT VERNON—First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Downing Baugh,	Worshipful Master.

Wm. J. Thompson,	Senior Warden.
Charles T. Pace,	Junior Warden.
George Mills,	Treasurer.
F. D. Preston,	Secretary.
Wm. W. Bennett,	Senior Deacon.
Wm. B. Harrison,	Junior Deacon.
John H. Watson,	Steward.
John L. McBride,	Steward.
Wm. H. Lynch,	Tyler.

ORIENTAL LODGE, No. 33.

CHICAGO—First and third Fridays of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. H. Bird,	Worshipful Master.
L. P. Hilliard,	Senior Warden.
Carlton Drake,	Junior Warden.
A. G. Burley,	Treasurer.
D. Spangler,	Secretary.
W. H. Adams,	Senior Deacon.
P. Ballingall,	Junior Deacon.
Geo. Davis,	Steward.
C. R. Starkweather,	Steward.
John Daly,	Tyler.

BARRY LODGE, No. 34.

BARRY—Saturday previous to the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

George Wilke,	Worshipful Master.
Lewis Angle,	Senior Warden.
A. B. Leggett,	Junior Warden.
Josiah Lippencott,	Treasurer.
John Watson,	Secretary.
John P. Grubb,	Senior Deacon.
John W. Lippencott,	Junior Deacon.
James L. Terry,	Tyler.

CHARLESTON LODGE, No. 35.

CHARLESTON—Tuesday preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Wm. B. Mills,	Worshipful Master.
L. R. Hutchison,	Senior Warden.
J. F. Parcels,	Junior Warden.
John Apperson,	Chaplain.
J. I. Brown,	Secretary.
J. R. Jeffries,	Treasurer.
Wm. Harr,	Senior Deacon.
R. S. Mills,	Junior Deacon.
G. G. Guthrie,	Tyler.

KAVANAUGH LODGE, No. 36.

ELIZABETH—First and third Wednesdays in each month

OFFICERS.

A. S. Mitchell,	Worshipful Master.
John Cadman,	Senior Warden.
Isaac S. Harr,	Junior Warden.
J. C. Barnard,	Treasurer.
Robert Barker,	Secretary.
A. Ransom,	Senior Deacon.
W. T. Miller,	Junior Deacon.
Patrick Graham,	Tyler.

MONMOUTH LODGE, No. 37.

MONMOUTH—Tuesday on or previous to full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

R. D. Hammond,	Worshipful Master.
Henry McAdams,	Senior Warden.
Daniel McNeil,	Junior Warden.
Jamison Leeper,	Treasurer.
C. K. Smith,	Secretary.
G. W. Palmer,	Senior Deacon.
R. C. Wilson,	Junior Deacon.
B. Merrifield,	Tyler.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 38.

DANVILLE—First and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

Oliver L. Davis,	Worshipful Master.
John W. Myers,	Senior Warden.
Reason Hoton,	Junior Warden.
Thomas S. Morgan,	Treasurer.
John H. Sconce,	Secretary.
Martin Mondy,	Senior Deacon.
James Sconce,	Junior Deacon.
Isaac S. Cotton,	1st Steward.
James Sconce,	2d Steward.
P. S. Spencer,	Tyler.

HERMAN LODGE, No. 39.

QUINCY—First Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

John Steinagle,	Worshipful Master.
Casper Ruff,	Junior Warden.
Michael Keis,	Treasurer.
Robert Voeth,	Secretary.
Henry Grim,	Senior Deacon.
W. Weber,	Junior Deacon.
Henry Woelcken,	Tyler.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE, No. 40.

OTTAWA—First and third Mondays of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. D. Caton,	Worshipful Master.
G. H. Norris,	Senior Warden.
F. Mandlebaum,	Junior Warden.
H. Beach,	Secretary.
Wm. Reddick,	Treasurer.
N. P. Heath,	Senior Deacon.
G. L. Thompson,	Junior Deacon.
J. M. Quimby,	Tyler.

FAR WEST LODGE, No. 41.

(No Returns.)

MOUNT JOLIET LODGE, No. 42.

MT. JOLIET.—Thursday of or preceding the full moon of each month, and on the second Thursday thereafter of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Wade,	Worshipful Master.
Nelson D. Elwood,	Senior Warden.
B. Richardson,	Junior Warden.
Thomas J. Kinne,	Treasurer.
Uri Osgood,	Secretary.
F. J. Briggs,	Senior Deacon and Chaplain.
J. T. McDougall,	Junior Deacon.
A. Cagwin,	Steward.
Wm. McClure,	Steward.
John J. Flack,	Steward.
Joel George,	Tyler.

BLOOMINGTON LODGE, No. 43.

BLOOMINGTON—Friday on or before the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

M. B. Baker,	Worshipful Master.
S. B. Brown,	Senior Warden.
E. Depew,	Junior Warden.
Jas. Miller,	Treasurer.
Jas. Foster,	Secretary.
G. Ferren,	Senior Deacon.
Thomas Mager,	Junior Deacon.
Lewis Bunn,	Tyler.

HARDIN LODGE, No. 44.

(No Returns.)

GRIGGSVILLE LODGE, No. 45.

(No Returns.)

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 46.

PEORIA.—Last Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

John C. Heyl,	Worshipful Master.
John T. Lindsay,	Senior Warden.
O. G. Stenson,	Junior Warden.
Thomas L. Davis,	Treasurer.
N. S. Tucker,	Secretary.
J. S. Fancher,	Senior Deacon.
David Rodecker,	Junior Deacon.
William Widenham,	Tyler.

CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 47.

NORTH CALEDONIA—Thursday on or preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

James M. Davidge,	Worshipful Master.
Joseph Sheet,	Senior Warden.
Henry D. Riddle,	Junior Warden.
Daniel D. Mattice,	Chaplain.
Absalom Youngfield,	Treasurer.
James M. Gore,	Secretary.
Daniel D. Arter,	Senior Deacon.
Hiram Boser,	Junior Deacon.
James M. Hale,	Steward.
James M. Hale,	Tyler.

UNITY LODGE, No. 48.

ST. CHARLES—Monday preceding and succeeding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

B. B. Payne,	Worshipful Master.
S. S. Jones,	Senior Warden.

Wm. Rounsville,	Junior Warden.
A. H. Baine,	Secretary.
T. P. Mattison,	Treasurer.
E. H. Jacques,	Senior Deacon.
Charles Hopkins,	Junior Deacon.
J. Morlitt,	Steward.
G. W. Renwick,	Steward.
Wm. D. Baird,	Tyler.

CAMBRIDGE LODGE, No. 49.

CAMBRIDGE—Thursday before full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

D. C. McNeil,	Worshipful Master.
J. C. Miller,	Senior Warden.
Stephen Miller,	Junior Warden.
Henry Cooper,	Treasurer.
A. C. Aug,	Secretary.
David Norton,	Senior Deacon.
Levi Seward,	Junior Deacon.
M. B. Potter.	
Wm. S. Charles,	Senior Steward.
L. S. Cady,	Junior Steward.
David Casner,	Tyler.

CARROLLTON LODGE, No. 50.

CARROLLTON—First Monday night of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. B. Samuel,	Worshipful Master.
Cyrus A. Davis,	Senior Warden.
S. C. Hopkins,	Junior Warden.
John K. Sharon,	Treasurer.
F. P. Vedder,	Secretary.
Paul Wright,	Senior Deacon.
G. H. Turner,	Junior Deacon.
Joseph Headlie,	Tyler.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 51.

HILLSBOROUGH—Thursday evening of or before the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

Joseph H. Ralston,	Worshipful Master.
Jacob Lingofelter,	Senior Warden.
M. Turner,	Junior Warden.
Ira Millard,	Treasurer.
R. W. Davis,	Secretary.
Elias Petra,	Senior Deacon.
D. C. Lingofelter,	Junior Deacon.
G. Brookman,	Tyler.

MEREDOSIA LODGE, No. 52.

MEREDOSIA—Saturday on or previous to full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Wm. J. Wackerly,	Worshipful Master.
John W. Trover,	Senior Warden.
J. W. Thompson,	Junior Warden.
T. B. Spears,	Treasurer.
J. C. Waldo,	Secretary.
S. S. Winegar,	Senior Deacon.
S. Parker,	Junior Deacon.
J. H. Edmonson,	Tyler.

JACKSON LODGE, No. 53.

(No Returns.)

RECLAMATION LODGE, No. 54.

NAUVOO—Tuesday at or next preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

D. W. Russel,	Worshipful Master.
S. O. Strong,	Senior Warden.
J. J. Piggott,	Junior Warden.
J. J. Print,	Treasurer.
A. S. Kingsley,	Secretary.

B. Avise,	Senior Deacon.
L. H. Cardery,	Junior Deacon.
A. Staw,	Tyler.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 55.

NASHVILLE—Saturday on or next preceding the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

H. Neville,	Worshipful Master.
G. T. Hoke,	Senior Warden.
G. W. Hotckhiss,	Junior Warden.
Rev. N. W. Allen,	Chaplain.
G. Jones,	Treasurer.
D. Greenup,	Secretary.
A. D. Hay,	Senior Deacon.
L. Carter,	Junior Deacon.
L. N. Farmer,	Tyler.

PITTSFIELD LODGE, No. 56.

PITTSFIELD—Thursday on or preceding full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

R. W. Scanland,	Worshipful Master.
Jas. F. Hyde,	Senior Warden.
John S. Roberts,	Junior Warden.
Jas. Ward,	Treasurer.
C. L. Howard,	Senior Deacon.
Samuel Barker,	Junior Deacon.
R. H. Scanland,	Steward.
Wm. Agnew,	Tyler.

TRIO LODGE, No. 57.

ROCK ISLAND—Thursday after the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

J. A. Whittaker,	Worshipful Master.
D. A. Morris,	Senior Warden.
R. Graham,	Junior Warden.

B. F. Barrett,	Treasurer.
J. R. Corker.	Secretary.
Jas. G. Blythe,	Senior Deacon.
D. B. Rice,	Junior Deacon.
F. Wilson,	Steward.
A. G. Pickett,	Steward.
E. M. Heacox,	Tyler.

FRATERNAL LODGE, No. 58.

(No Returns.)

NEW BOSTON LODGE, No. 59.

New Boston—First and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. Parker,	Worshipful Master.
John E. Willitts,	Senior Warden.
D. McCurdy,	Junior Warden.
G. Brewer,	Treasurer.
E. J. Dennis,	Secretary.
G. Ralston,	Senior Deacon.
L. B. Howe,	Junior Deacon.

BELVIDERE LODGE, No. 60.

(No Returns.)

LACON LODGE, No. 61.

Lacon—Third Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Silas Ramsey,	Worshipful Master.
H. P. Sexton,	Senior Warden.
William Fenn,	Junior Warden.
John T. Pride,	Treasurer.
Thomas R. Simpson,	Secretary.

Isaac Springer,	Senior Deacon.
David A. Burton,	Junior Deacon.
John Specht,	Tyler.

JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 62.

(No Returns.

LODGE, No. 63.—No returns.)

BENTON LODGE, No. 64.

BENTON—First Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

S. K. Casey,	Worshipful Master.
Isaac Mulkey,	Senior Warden.
T. B. Cantrell,	Junior Warden.
B. Parrish,	Chaplain.
W. S. Akin,	Treasurer.
R. E. Yost,	Secretary.
John H. Mulkey,	Senior Deacon.
D. Mooneyham,	Junior Deacon.
James R. Ward,	Steward.
William S. Crawford,	Steward.
John C. Murphy,	Tyler.

EUCLID LODGE, No. 65.

NAPERVILLE—Tuesday of or preceding the full moon of each month, and on the succeeding Tuesday.

OFFICERS.

A. Keith,	Worshipful Master.
J. Naper,	Senior Warden.
N. Allen,	Junior Warden.
N. Loring,	Treasurer.
Henry F. Vallette,	Secretary.

John Collins,	Senior Deacon.
George Martin,	Junior Deacon.
Harry T. Wilson,	Steward.
Cyrus F. Tarbox,	Steward.
John Orcutt,	Tyler.

KNOXVILLE LODGE, No. 66.

KNOXVILLE—Saturday preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Adam Brewer,	Worshipful Master.
B. Hebard,	Senior Warden.
Reuben Baily,	Junior Warden.
Edward C. Johnston,	Treasurer.
John S. Winter,	Secretary.
Isaac Gulihur,	Senior Deacon.
J. F. Masons,	Junior Deacon.
Jacob Speck,	Chaplain.
John W. Moore,	Tyler.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 67.

LASALLE—First Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

G. A. Lindley,	Worshipful Master.
W. H. Davis,	Senior Warden.
James Armour,	Junior Warden.
Ira Hartson,	Treasurer.
E. D. Davis,	Secretary.
Isaac H. Lamb,	Senior Deacon.
Morris Newstadt,	Junior Deacon.
John Long,	Tyler.

NAPLES LODGE, No. 68.

NAPLES—Saturday at or preceding full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Nathan Dresser,	Worshipful Master.
A. Lindsay,	Senior Warden.

Otho D. Critzer,	Junior Warden.
Royal Mooers,	Treasurer.
Edmund Fraser,	Secretary.
Jacob Ensminger,	Senior Deacon.
John Linkins,	Junior Deacon.
John Critzer,	Tyler.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 69.

CAMDEN MILLS—Wednesday on or after full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

J. M. Gilmore,	Worshipful Master.
F. B. Gilmore,	Senior Warden.
John Weeks,	Junior Warden.
N. D. Bradley,	Treasurer.
Wm. Kelly.	Secretary.
Wm. Farris,	Senior Deacon.
David Kelso,	Junior Deacon.
E. G. Spencer,	Tyler.

SOCIAL LODGE, No. 70.

HENNEPIN—Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

Eli B. Ames,	Worshipful Master.
L. S. Kimball.	Senior Warden.
Albert Towle,	Junior Warden.
Elias Mott,	Chaplain.
J. Everett,	Treasurer.
B. S. Reeder,	Secretary.
Elias Mott,	Senior Deacon.
Charles Schoffler,	Junior Deacon.
C. Schoffler,	Tyler.

CENTRAL LODGE, No. 71.

SPRINGFIELD—Second Monday succeeding full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

P. A. Dorwin.	Worshipful Master.

Asa Eastman,	Senior Warden.
Isaac R. Diller,	Junior Warden.
T. H. Campbell,	Treasurer.
R. W. Diller,	Secretary.
C. Fisher,	Senior Deacon.
John Cook,	Junior Deacon.
B. Hickey,	Tyler.

CHESTER LODGE, No. 72.—CHESTER.

OFFICERS.

G. S. Jones,	Worshipful Master.
Judson Clement,	Senior Warden.
Wm. A. Gordon,	Junior Warden.
Thomas S. Hor,	Secretary.
R. B. Servant,	Treasurer.
F. Swanwick,	Senior Deacon.
A. Block,	Junior Deacon.
John Yontz,	Tyler.

BATAVIA LODGE, No. 73.

BATAVIA—Wednesdays preceding and succeeding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

T. Mead, Jr.,	Worshipful Master.
J. W. Churchill,	Senior Warden.
J. C. Waldrow,	Junior Warden.
T. L. Cleveland,	Secretary.
John Van Nortwick,	Treasurer.
A. T. Phillips,	Senior Deacon.
P. L. Howe,	Junior Deacon.
E. R. Phillips,	Tyler.

ROSCOE LODGE, No. 75.

ROSCOE—Tuesday on or previous to the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

A. E. Ames,	Worshipful Master.
N. Howland,	Senior Warden.

J. G. Prentiss,	Junior Warden.
Jabez Love,	Treasurer.
G. P. Ransom,	Secretary.
F. Tyler,	Senior Deacon.
L. Sexton,	Junior Deacon.
O. Parker,	Tyler.

MOUNT NEBO LODGE, No. 76.

CARLINVILLE—Saturday on or previous to full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

B. T. Burke,	Worshipful Master.
J. M. Palmer,	Senior Warden.
L. J. Woods,	Junior Warden.
A. S. Walker,	Treasurer.
D. S. Brock,	Secretary.
N. Boice,	Senior Deacon.
Wm. Weer,	Junior Deacon.
E. Wall,	Steward.
J. N. Queen,	Steward.
D. T. Creemer,	Tyler.

PRAIRIE LODGE, No. 77.

PARIS—Wednesday on or preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Kirby Benedict,	Worshipful Master.
J. Young,	Senior Warden.
J. D. Jaquith,	Junior Warden.
George Hoge,	Secretary.
John Sutherland,	Treasurer.
W. Clark,	Senior Deacon.
E. P. Shaw,	Junior Deacon.
R. C. Jones,	Chaplain.
Milton Mayo,	Tyler.

LODGES U. D.

HANCOCK LODGE, No. 20.

CARTHAGE—Monday evening of or before the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

Alex. Sympson,	Worshipful Master.
Eli H. Williams,	Senior Warden.
D. E. Head,	Junior Warden.

ROCKTON LODGE, No. 74.

ROCKTON—Friday before full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

Rumsey Hatch,	Worshipful Master.
Jesse Flinn,	Senior Warden.
A. S. Newton,	Junior Warden.

WHITE HALL LODGE, No. 80.

OFFICERS.

John C. Winters,	Worshipful Master.
Henry Griswold,	Senior Warden.
J. B. McIntosh,	Junior Warden.

VITRUVIUS LODGE, No. 81.

DUTCHMAN'S POINT—Saturday on or previous to full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. H. Davis,	Worshipful Master.
Samuel Anderson,	Senior Warden.
Joseph Filkins,	Junior Warden.

METAMORA LODGE, No. 82.

METAMORA.

OFFICERS.

John L. Miller,	Worshipful Master.
Wm. H. Delph,	Senior Warden.
Evan Trummel,	Junior Warden.

DE WITT LODGE, No. 84.

CLINTON.

OFFICERS.

Evan Richards,	Worshipful Master.
John Warner,	Senior Warden.
Wm. S. Bates,	Junior Warden.

MITCHELL LODGE, No. 85.

PINCKNEYVILLE—Thursday of or preceding the full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

S. M. Carter,	Worshipful Master.
Chas. Peters,	Senior Warden.
J. L. Hamilton,	Junior Warden.

KASKASKIA LODGE, No. 86.

OFFICERS.

George W. Staley,	Worshipful Master.
E. C. Coffey,	Senior Warden.
T. J. Curle,	Junior Warden.

MT. PULASKI LODGE, No. 87.

MT. PULASKI—Monday on or preceding full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

David P. Munn,	Worshipful Master.

I. R. Braucher,	Senior Warden.
Robert Carlisle,	Junior Warden.

HAVANA LODGE, No. 88.

HAVANA.

OFFICERS.

R. S. Patterson,	Worshipful Master.
Geo. R. Wilson,	Senior Warden.
Moses Baldwin,	Junior Warden.

FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 89.

MARION—First Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Robt. H. Marron,	Worshipful Master.
R. T. Hopper,	Senior Warden.
Wm. M. Eubanks,	Junior Warden.

JERUSALEM TEMPLE LODGE, No. 90.

OFFICERS.

B. F. Hall,	Worshipful Master.
Burr Winton,	Senior Warden.
Geo. S. Adsit,	Junior Warden.

METROPOLIS LODGE, No. 91.

METROPOLIS—Monday on or after full moon of each month.

OFFICERS.

George Havope,	Worshipful Master.
Gabriel Kay,	Senior Warden.
H. L. Cook,	Junior Warden.

STEWARD LODGE, No. 92.

OFFICERS.

H. G. Reynolds,	Worshipful Master.
R. R. Stewart,	Senior Warden.
Benj. Graham,	Junior Warden.

TOULON LODGE, No. 93.

OFFICERS.

Wm. W. Drummond,	Worshipful Master.
Wm. Bose,	Senior Warden.
Oren Manfield,	Junior Warden.

MORNING SUN LODGE, No. 94.

OFFICERS.

Benjamin F. Paige,	Worshipful Master.
Alex. B. Morean,	Senior Warden.
Wm. P. Campbell,	Junior Warden.

PERRY LODGE, No. 95.

OFFICERS.

W. S. Dennis,	Worshipful Master.
David Baldwin,	Senior Warden.
David K. Hobbs,	Junior Warden.

APPENDIX B.

Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

BE IT ORDAINED: That the Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand and Junior Grand Wardens, a Grand Orator, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Secretary, a Grand Treasurer, two Grand Deacons, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Tyler, two Grand Stewards, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Pursuivant, the Master and Wardens for the time being of the several lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, all Past Grand Officers of this Lodge, and all Past Masters of regular lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who continue members of any regular lodge.

This Grand Lodge, so to be organized, shall be styled and known by the name of "The Grand Lodge of Illinois, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

The Grand Lodge shall hold Annual Communications; and the Grand Master, or his Deputy, in case of his absence, may, on very urgent occasions, call special meetings.

When any officer of a subordinate lodge cannot attend the Grand Lodge, he may depute any brother, being of equal rank, or superior to himself, to act for him in the Grand Lodge, and such deputation shall be under the hand and seal of the brother deputing. When the Master and Wardens of any subordinate lodge depute the same brother to represent them, he must have attained at least the rank of Past Master.

Past Grand officers may hold offices in subordinate lodges, and this shall not deprive them of any privilege they might claim in the Grand Lodge as Past Grand officers.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand and Junior Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Orator, Grand Chaplain and Grand Tyler shall be annually elected by ballot on the second day

of each Annual Grand Communication, and they shall be installed into their respective offices before the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, and shall hold the same until their successors shall be duly elected and installed; and all other officers whose election is not provided for therein shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master for the time being.

In all elections and questions which shall come before the Grand Lodge for its action, every subordinate lodge shall be entitled to one vote collectively, from its representation agreed on amongst themselves; the Grand Master one vote; the Deputy Grand Master one vote; the Past Grand Masters one vote collectively; and the Grand Wardens one vote collectively.

Past Masters, members of subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, not representatives, one vote collectively; and all questions and elections shall be decided by a majority of the votes given.

The Grand Lodge shall have the power to constitute new lodges, by letters patent, under their seal.

To establish a uniform mode of working throughout the State, strictly adhering to the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of Masonry. And in furtherance of this desirable object, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master, or some well informed brother by him appointed, occasionally to visit every subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to lecture and instruct the brethren and to correct such errors as may have obtained among them; to require from the several lodges under their jurisdiction such annual dues as they may deem necessary, to be appropriated for the benefit of the Craft.

To hear and determine all appeals from subordinate lodges, and to decide all disputes between the different lodges under their jurisdiction.

To demand such fees as may be deemed just and reasonable, upon granting charters constituting new lodges.

To make such by-laws as may be necessary for their good government, and not inconsistent with this Constitution.

And to do all things heretofore accustomed to be done by other Grand Lodges, which are within the ancient landmarks and usages of the Craft.

No alteration shall take place in this Constitution except in the manner following: Every amendment shall be proposed in writing at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge, a fair copy of which shall be sent by the Grand Secretary to each of the subordinate lodges, who shall pass or reject the same and certify their proceedings at the next regular communication; when, if it appear that two-thirds of the subordinate lodges have agreed to pass the same, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The annual meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the town of Springfield, on the first Monday of October, at which time the Grand Officers shall be elected and appointed in the manner prescribed by the Constitution.

SEC. 2. No brother admitted as a visitor during the session of the Grand Lodge, shall be permitted to vote on any subject before it, nor to speak on any subject without the leave of the M. W. Grand Master.

SEC. 3. No member shall be eligible to the office of Grand or Deputy Grand Master, unless he shall have passed the chair in some regular lodge, unless it be in cases of emergency.

SEC. 4. In case the chair of the Grand Lodge shall become vacated by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be filled by the Deputy Grand Master, and in case any other office becomes vacated by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the Grand Master for the time being shall fill such vacancy.

SEC. 5. Every lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall at each Grand Annual Communication, deliver to the Grand Secretary a list of the officers and members of their lodge, also a list of the initiations, admissions, deaths, removals, suspensions and expulsions of members, and rejections of candidates, with their respective dates, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary.

SEC. 6. No Letter or Warrant of Dispensation shall be granted for the formation of a new lodge, but upon the petition of at least seven known and approved Master Masons, in which their first Master and Wardens shall be nominated; which petition shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the lodge nearest to the place in which the new lodge is to be holden.

SEC. 7. For every Letter or Warrant of Dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, there shall be paid into the Grand Treasury the sum of fifteen dollars; and for every Charter or Constitution, the sum of five dollars, and the further sum of two dollars in addition, to be paid to the Grand Secretary; which said sums respectively shall be paid before the delivery of the Warrant or Charter. [See Resolution No. XX.] And in all cases where the seal of the Grand Lodge is required to be affixed, there shall be paid, by the applicant to the Grand Secretary the sum of two dollars.

SEC. 8. Every lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall pay into the Grand Treasury the sum of twenty-five cents annually for each member thereof, as a Grand Charity Fund, and a further sum of twenty-five cents annually, for each member belonging to their lodge at the time of

making their annual Grand Communication; *Provided*, that no lodge shall pay a less sum than five dollars, exclusive of the contribution for charity. And the Master and Wardens, or representatives of any lodge, shall not take their seats in the Grand Lodge until all their dues be paid, and the Treasurer's receipt therefor be produced; and in case of the neglect or refusal of any lodge to pay the same, at or before the next communication thereafter, unless reasonable excuse be offered, such lodge shall be stricken off the books of the Grand Lodge, and their warrant or charter considered null and void; but, on proper application to the Grand Lodge, making due returns, and paying off dues, they may be restored to their former rank and privileges, if the Grand Lodge shall judge proper.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to lay before the Grand Lodge, at each Annual Grand Communication, all his accounts, for inspection and adjustment, and shall immediately pay over to his successor any balance which may be found due from him to the Grand Lodge, together with all the books, papers and documents belonging to his office.

SEC. 10. All appeals from any subordinate lodge shall be in writing, and left with the Grand Secretary, and the appellant shall give the other party at least one month's notice thereof, or otherwise the Grand Lodge shall not proceed to hear and determine the same.

SEC. 11. When any brother is excluded from any subordinate lodge for mal-practice, information thereof shall be sent to the Grand Lodge, and all the lodges under this jurisdiction, as soon as convenient; but no lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or any member thereof, shall publish or in any manner make public the suspension or expulsion of any member, except it be to the Fraternity or within the walls of the lodge; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the Grand Lodge giving publicity to such expulsion, should they deem it proper to do so.

SEC. 12. In all cases of the suspension, or expulsion, or restoration of a member, two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be required; and in all cases of the restoration of a Mason, suspended by any lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the same majority shall be required. No expelled Mason shall be restored to the privileges of Masonry except by a vote of the Grand Lodge; and such restoration shall not reinstate him in membership in the lodge from which he was expelled without the unanimous consent of the members thereof.

SEC. 13. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the time being, or a majority of them, shall be a standing Committee of Charity, under whose direction the Grand Charity Funds shall be distributed.

SEC. 14. Upon the demise of any lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of the said lodge shall, within

six months thereafter, surrender to the Grand Secretary all the books, papers, jewels, funds and furniture of the lodge so demised.

SEC. 15. Every lodge within this jurisdiction may exercise all the rights of discipline over Masons (not members thereof, or of any other lodge,) who reside in the immediate vicinity of such lodge, so far as may relate to the conduct and behavior of such Masons, while resident in the vicinity of such lodge.

SEC. 16. No alteration or amendment shall take place in these By-Laws except in the following manner: Every amendment shall be proposed in writing at a regular communication of the Grand Lodge, which shall be spread upon the minutes and printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and if two-thirds [See resolution No. XXI.] of the voters at the next regular communication shall agree to the same, it shall become a part of these By-Laws.

SEC. 17. The Grand Master shall on the first day after the organization of the Grand Lodge, at each Annual Communication, appoint the following Standing Committees, viz.:

A Committee on Returns and Work of Lodges—To consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all the returns and work of Subordinate Lodges, and whose duty shall be to examine the same, and report to this Grand Lodge.

A Committee on Petitions and Grievances—To consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all appeals to this Grand Lodge, and all petitions for new lodges.

A Committee on Finances and Accounts—To consist of three members, whose duty shall be to examine and report on all accounts to them referred, and examine and report on the financial condition of the Grand Lodge; and

A Committee to Examine Visiting Brethren—To consist of two members.

SEC. 18. No lodge acting under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall knowingly receive any candidate in either of the Degrees of Masonry, that has been rejected by any other lodge, without first receiving the unanimous consent of the lodge that rejected him.

APPENDIX C.

RESOLUTIONS OF THIS GRAND LODGE, ADOPTED AT SUNDRY TIMES, AND NOW IN FORCE.

I. *Resolved*, That the part of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge requiring two-thirds of all the lodges to change the Constitution or By-Laws, be understood as referring to two-thirds of all the lodges represented.—1841.

II. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge instruct all the subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction not to act upon any petitions unless the same have laid over one month, or from one stated meeting until the next regular meeting of the lodge—1841. [Semi-monthly stated meetings of subordinate lodges are not contemplated in this resolution.

The stated meetings of many lodges being determined by the moon, the resolution is to be understood as permitting action on petitions that have laid over from one such meeting to another, though the time should fall short of a calendar month; but not, in any case, in less than one lunar month.—GRAND MASTER.

III. *Resolved*, That subordinate lodges be cautious how they act upon petitions of persons residing remote from the place of application; and *provided* the applicant lives within twenty-five miles of a lodge, not to entertain said petition without a recommendation from the same.

IV. *Resolved*, That Brother Grand Secretary be requested to publish, in the proceedings of each Grand Communication, in connection with the returns of subordinate lodges, a list of rejections, expulsions, suspensions, deaths and withdrawals of each lodge as reported by them in their annual returns.—1842.

V. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no subordinate lodge should permit a petition for admission or initiation to be withdrawn, after a committee has been raised to inquire into the character and qualifications of the candidate.—1842.

VI. *Resolved*, That from and after the adoption of this resolution, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be annually required to give bond,

with approved security, payable to the Grand Master for the time being, for the faithful and lawful disposition of all moneys that may come into their hands belonging to the Grand Lodge.—1842.

VII. *Resolved*, That in all cases where lodges, now holding dispensations or charters from other Grand Lodges, shall make application to come under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, no other fee shall be charged than the Secretary's; and that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to issue them without waiting for the action of the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.—1842.

VIII. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Lodge will only receive from the subordinate lodges *par* funds for all moneys paid to the Grand Lodge.—1842.

IX. *Resolved*, That the subordinate lodges are requested to make their annual returns on or before the first day of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.—1842.

X. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that it is contrary to and inconsistent with the ancient usages and precepts of our Order to withdraw from a subordinate lodge, without some good cause, or to reside in the neighborhood of a subordinate lodge without becoming a member thereof.—1842.

XI. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Grand Secretary, in publishing the returns of the respective subordinate lodges, shall omit the description of the persons of such as have been rejected on their application for initiation in such lodges.—1843.

XII. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that "The Freemason's Magazine," a periodical published in Boston by Bro. Moore, is in a very high degree advancing the principles of the Order, the skill and knowledge of the Craft, and that we recommend it to the several subordinate lodges as well worthy of their patronage.—1843.

XIII. *Resolved*, That we esteem the "Masonic College of Missouri," recently established in Monroe County, Missouri, by the Grand Lodge of that State, an institution worthy of our highest regard, and claiming our deep interest and solicitude for its success.—1844.

XIV. *Resolved*, That we recommend the attention of every brother of the Fraternity, and of the friends of education generally, to the facility which the institution affords for the acquisition of a thorough education.—1844.

XV. *Resolved*, That hereafter no subordinate lodge will be required to pay Grand Lodge dues for any members under the degree of Master Masons.—1844.

XVI. *Resolved*, That hereafter, on the first day of each annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Master appoint a Committee on Work and Returns of Lodges Under Dispensation.—1844.

XVII. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge of Illinois would recommend to the lodges under her jurisdiction to do all their business in a lodge of Master Masons, except conferring the first and second degrees. They would further recommend, that all ballotings for candidates for initiation be taken at a regular communication, and that no ballot for a candidate for initiation be taken at an adjourned lodge, unless it be in a case of emergency, which should be stated.—1844.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance and Accounts, in connection with the Grand Secretary, be required to make a general report of the receipts and expenditures of this Grand Lodge since its formation, stating the amounts received for Dispensations, Charters and Dues, separately and distinctly, and from whom received; also the amount expended, and for what purpose.—1844.

XIX. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to grant charters to the subordinate lodges working under dispensation, upon his being satisfied of the regularity of their work, and their compliance with all the necessary prerequisites.—1844.

XX. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that Fifteen Dollars only is required by Sec. 7, of the By-Laws, for a Dispensation, and Seven Dollars only additional for a Charter, including Grand Secretary's fees; and that in all cases where a greater sum has been paid, the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to refund such surplus, and to call on the Grand Secretary for an adjustment of the same with the Grand Lodge.

XXI. *Resolved*, That so much of the 16th section of the By-Laws adopted by this Grand Lodge as requires "a majority of two-thirds of the voters present" to adopt any proposed amendment thereto, is inconsistent with, and in violation of, the Constitution of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and is hereby declared to be null and void.

XXII. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no money is authorized to be drawn from the Treasury but on the order of the Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, which assent shall be signified by test of the Grand Secretary.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to procure, so far as it may be practicable and convenient, the names of all Master Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions, and report the same in their annual communications for the information of this Grand Lodge.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the suspension of a subordinate lodge by this Grand Lodge only affects the standing of its individual members, so far as they participate in disregarding the edicts of this Grand Lodge after the first information thereof coming to their knowledge, and providing such individuals by their act shall not have been the cause of the action of this Grand Lodge declaring such lodge suspended or clandestine.

XXV. *Resolved*, That in issuing charters to subordinate lodges, they be numbered consecutively according to the date of the application therefor; and that when a charter is rescinded or surrendered the number of said lodge remain vacant, to be resumed when such charter shall be restored.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that when the office of Worshipful Master, or of any other incumbent, becomes vacant in any chartered lodge under this jurisdiction, it is competent for that lodge to proceed to fill the vacancy without any dispensation from the M. W. Grand Master.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge would recommend to the lodges under her jurisdiction to do all their business in a lodge of Master Masons, except conferring the first and second degrees, and the trial of E. A.'s and F. C.'s for delinquencies.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to append to the published proceedings all resolutions for the amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, or any other matters on which it shall be necessary for subordinate lodges to act; that he also notify them thereof by a published circular, embodying such resolutions, in season for their action, and that such lodges shall certify their proceedings thereon to the Grand Lodge.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed, in publishing the returns, to omit the rejections by subordinate lodges.

XXX. *Resolved*, That any subordinate lodge shall have the right to remit to indigent Masons, within the jurisdiction of their lodge, all dues whatever.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that when a subordinate lodge receives a petition they are bound to act upon it fully at the proper time.

XXXII. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the Wardens of a subordinate lodge may preside and confer degrees in the absence of the Master, without regard to their having taken the Past Master's degree.